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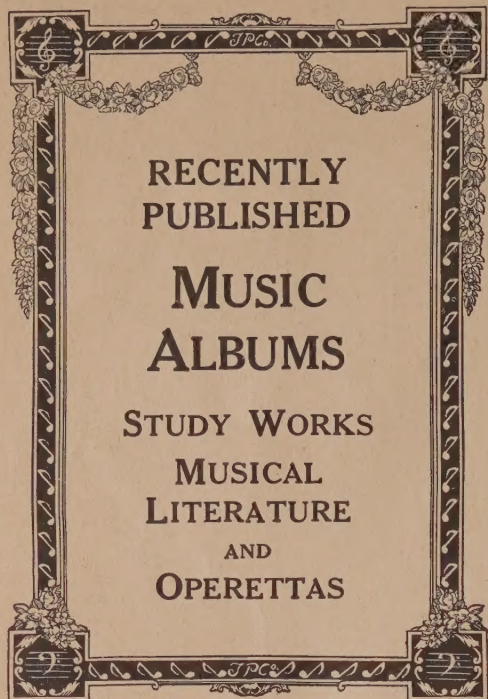
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**Giacomo Puccini Memorial Concert** was given at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, on the evening of December 15, with the leading singers and conductors of the Metropolitan Opera Company participating. Of the proceeds, 100,000 lire were sent to the Verdi Home for Aged Musicians at a 25,000 lire to the Mayoralty of Lucca, Puccini's native city, and 12,000 lire to be devoted towards the erection of a suitable monument to the composer when a committee has been organized for that purpose.

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**Gustav Holst's "Hymn of Jesus"** had its American interpretation on November 15, by the Oratorio Society, in Carnegie Hall, under the direction of Albert Stoessel.

**Harriet Morgan**, Harpist, of New York, recently celebrated the Golden Jubilee of her professional debut when she accompanied Bull on November 22, 1874. At the gala of the occasion, in Carnegie Hall, Morgan was assisted by an ensemble of harpists, the chorus of the Rubinstein Society, by Wm. Carl, organist, and Herman Kohn, violinist. Miss Morgan was the first woman to appear in America as harp soloist, and also organized the first Harp Ensemble in this country.

**Edwin Weingartner**, now conductor of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and guest conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra, reported to be contemplating a visit to America in the season of 1926-1927.

**Julie Stern**, the ten-year-old German pianist, made her American debut at the Philharmonic Society of Philadelphia, at the Academy of Music, on the evening of December 21. She played the Beethoven concerto in C Major, receiving such an enthusiastic reception that among numerous requests she was obliged to respond with two more.

**Mrs. Edward MacDowell** has received an award of five thousand dollars given by the Pictorial Review to the American woman who made in 1923 the greatest contribution to the advancement of human welfare—the edition coming for her work in establishing the Peterboro Colony for American Creative Writers, at Peterboro, New Hampshire.

**German Poets, Musicians and Painters** are being granted the use of historic buildings as homes and studios. At Frankfurt the Cowherd's Tower, built in the Middle Ages, is being used by Paul Hindemith, the poet; while the novelist and poet, Fritz Ullrich, occupies the Renten Tower, a relic of the old city fortifications.

**James Taylor** is reported to be about to expand the music which he wrote for the new version of "Janice Meredith" into grand opera form.

**Gabriel Pierné** has been elected by the Academy of Fine Arts of Paris to occupy the chair of the late Theodore Bulois.

**Le Théâtre de la Monnaie** of Brussels opened in the first week of last December with a one-thousandth performance of Gounod's Faust in that famous opera house. It was reported that this work made its first great success after being at first coldly received in Paris.

**Le Paris Opéra**, during the past year, received from the government a subvention of 1,120,000 francs and turned into the national treasury 12,000,000 francs in theatre taxes. In the same period the Opéra received from the government 10,000,000 francs. Thus music in France, instead of being a mendicant and burden to the taxpayer's budget, is, according to one Frenchman, "good milk cow."

**Choirs of Canada and the United States** are to take part in the Welsh National Eisteddfod to be held this year at Pwllheli. A mixed choir from Pennsylvania, and the Orpheus Male Choir of miners from Wilkes-Barre, already have signified their intention to participate.

**The Tercentenary of Orlando Gibbons** was celebrated at Bristol, England on January 15, when the programs included his madrigals, fantasies for strings, and cries for voices and strings.

**A Famous Stainer Violin**, belonging to the collection of the Lobkowitz family near Prague, and which a former heir to the castle loaned to Mozart in his youth, has been loaned again, this time to the Croatian violinist who is to tour America.

**Leo Poleske** of Cincinnati has won one of the scholarships for foreigners offered by the Paris Conservatoire, he being the only American contestant to be successful in the examinations for the piano class.

**Henry G. Weber**, a young Chicagoan, made his debut as conductor on the occasion of the performance of "Tannhauser," by the Chicago Civic Opera Company, on November 11, winning unstinted approval of the press.

**A Memorial to Sir Frederick Bridge**, in the form of a stained-glass window at Trinity College of Music, London, has been unveiled by the Earl of Shaftesbury. At the same time he opened what in the future is to be known as the Bridge Memorial Library. Sir Frederick was long the Chairman of the Board of this school.

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**A Gabriel Fauré Memorial Program** was given by the Boston Symphony Orchestra on December 5th, with Serge Koussevitzky leading. The program included the late French composer's "Overture to Penelope," and "Elegie" for violoncello and orchestra.

**Pietro Mascagni** is reported to have signed a contract with the director of the Staatsoper of Vienna by which he is to conduct a season of several months of Italian Opera at that noted house.

**A Chamber Music Auditorium**, to be placed near the Library of Congress, has been offered to our National Government by Mrs. Frederick Shurtleff Coolidge, patroness of the famous Berkshire Chamber Music Festivals.

**"Sunset Trail,"** an operatic cantata by Charles Wakefield Cadman, had its world premiere at the Municipal Auditorium of Denver, on December 5, receiving an enthusiastic approval from an audience of six thousand. "Shanewis" was twinned with "Sunset Trail," both at the premiere and on the following evening.

**Giacomo Puccini** left an estate of 20,000,000 lire (about \$900,000 at the present rate of exchange) to his son Antonio. His widow is bequeathed a life interest in half the accumulated estate and half the royalties from his compositions, the latter amounting to about \$80,000 lire per annum.

**Mozart's "La Finta Semplice" (Feigned Simplicity)**, written when he was eleven and a half years old, is in preparation for a performance in Vienna. Long hidden in the archives of Dresden, the work is said to be not only interesting as an example of the early development of a genius but also a charming light opera.

**"La Juive"** has been restored to the repertoire of the Metropolitan Opera Company, with Martinelli in the rôle of Eleazar, so long the special vehicle of the adored Caruso and the part in which he last appeared.

**The term of Copyright** has been extended from thirty to fifty years, in Germany.

**Eugene Goossens**, eminent English composer and orchestral conductor, has been engaged to lead the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra next season.



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**Nobuko Hara**, another Japanese prima donna soprano, made her debut at the Costanzi of Rome as *Madama Butterfly*, on November 15, with considerable success.

**Serge Michaelovitch Liapounov**, the well-known Russian composer, died on November 2nd in Paris, where he was preparing to appear with the Pasdeloup Orchestra in December.

**Nineteen Keyboard Stars of the First Magnitude** contributed to a single program at the Metropolitan Opera House on the evening of December 30, when Harold Bauer, Alexander Brailowsky, Carl Fiedberg, Ossip Gabrilowitsch, Myra Hess, Ernest Hutcheson, Josef Lhévinne, Mischa Levitski, Ethel Leginska, Guy Maier, Yolanda Méro, Elly Ney, Gulomar Novaes, Lee Pattison, Olga Samaroff, Ernest Schelling, Germaine Schnitzler, Alexander Siloti and Sigismund Stojowski united in a Benefit Concert for the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor.

**Madrigal Singing** is reported to be gaining in popularity in England. Two Liverpool societies devoted to this type of music are kept busy with engagements.

**Igor Stravinsky** made his American debut at Carnegie Hall, New York, on January 1, when he led the New York Symphony Orchestra in a program entirely of his own compositions.

**Orlando Gibbons's Tercentenary** is to be celebrated by a performance of his works by the Bristol Madrigal Society (England), on the fifteenth of January. Other programs are to be given later in the season.

**The Little Opera of America**, recently organized in New York to develop an American "Opera Comique," are preparing a presentation of "Mandragola," a Florentine romance, the book by Alfred Kreyenberg and the music by Ignatz Waghalter.

**The First Native Jewish Opera** is announced for an early presentation at Jerusalem. It is "Ha Chaltutz" (The Palm Leaf), by Weinberg, a young pianist of Jerusalem, and the story deals with the life of the Jews in Galilee, including rituals and holy day customs.

**The Manhattan Opera House** of New York has been redecorated and improved variously at an expense of one hundred thousand dollars. The auditorium is now in ivory and gold with walls of a soft rose shade. A marquis illuminated by fifteen hundred electric bulbs and extending the entire length of the building covers the promenade before the house. Thus the redoubtable Hammerstein's temple of opera has taken on a new lease of usefulness.

**An Endowment of Fifty Thousand Dollars** has been left by the will of Lillia M. Bearn, of Brookline, Massachusetts, in memory of her father, Joseph M. Bearn, the income to be used by Columbia University for the encouragement of original composition by American musicians.

**An American Quarter-Tone Piano**, by Dr. Morris Stoeber, is said to be an advance over the one made in Germany in that it is contained in a single case, is less bulky and has a keyboard no longer than the regular grand piano.

**Moving Pictures** have been recognized as art by the National Academy of France, and will be shown at the Opéra two evenings and six afternoons a week, when there is no musical program.

**\$1,000,000 Each Month** is being invested in the installation of pipe organs in the United States.

**William Wolstenholme**, the well-known blind organist and composer of England, has been elected President of the Council of the London Society of Organists, for 1925.

**Henry K. Hadley**, our eminent American composer and orchestral conductor, has been made a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, at its last meeting. A worthy recognition, worthily given.

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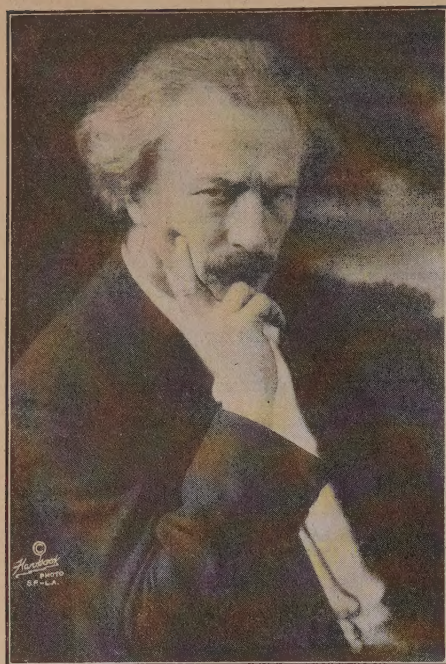


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## National Opera

"TIME," the new miracle weekly of modern journalism, a miracle because it combines brevity with brains and smartness with sanity, recently reported that John Drinkwater (noted playwright, author of Abraham Lincoln) is at work upon a libretto dealing with the life of the Scottish poet Robert Burns. The music is to be done by the English musician, Ernest Austin.

Here is a real opportunity for a national tone-poet. Most of the opera libretti of the past were written by incapable dramatic hacks. It may be said that it was not until comparatively recent years that dramatic poems worthy of the name have been prepared for the composer. Bellini, Donizetti, and the early Verdi, suffered from this. Beaumarchais was an exception. His "Figaro" gave Mozart and Rossini immortal opportunities. The "Carmen" libretto is also notably good. Wagner, who wrote his own libretti, often succeeded in being hopelessly prolix.

Scribe, a professional dramaturge who made a large fortune writing libretti for Meyerbeer, Auber, Verdi and others, produced works, which, in this day, creak with the same kind of artificiality which marked the plays of Bartley Campbell. Yet he had numerous admirers who did not hesitate to compare him with Shakespeare.

As for the works of the older librettists, they are simply too absurd to deserve serious consideration. The composers used this footlight doggerel as a kind of theatrical wardrobe in which to hang their trite, and always mellifluous, melodies. Such a thing as a national spirit in opera was unthinkable. "Lucia di Lammermoor" is about as Scotch as chianti or ravioli.

It is a genius indeed who can leap very far from his own national stockade. Felician David, Oriental only through his Semitic ancestry, was one of the few exceptions. His *Desert* is a real masterpiece of assimilation of another phase of civilization. One must have the soul-grasp to absorb the spirit of a whole race, to write the music of that nation in the natural idiom of its people. Proximity sometimes helps. Probably one of the reasons why so much of the Oriental-style music written in Russia seems real is because the Russian is next door to the great East. Someone has "scratched the Tartar."

Charpentier's "Louise" persists in the operatic repertoire because both the libretto and the music have grown from the soul of a Parisian. "Louise" is Paris. Like great architecture, it seems to have risen from the soil.

On the other hand, the "Girl from the Golden West" as an opera is as hopelessly un-American as "Madame Butterfly" is un-Japanese. Were it not for the splendid libretti the music for the most part could be transplanted to almost any other country. True, both have alien thematic suggestions, but one cannot make a lark out of a squirrel by putting feathers on it. Were it not for the powerful dramas and the magnificent music of Puccini, these works could never have gained their great popularity. They survive because of the immense and inextinguishable genius of the creators.

"Cavalleria Rusticana," however, is national opera. The drama is Italian and every note in Mascagni is Italian. "Hänsel and Gretel" is German because Humperdinck never forsook his native idiom. "The Bartered Bride" of Swetana is Bohemian from start to finish, as Musorgsky's "Boris Godounoff" is Russian. The Indian music of Thurlow Lieurance is Indian because the composer knows the Indians, loves the Indians, and has lived among them for years.

It is hardly profitable to attempt counterfeits in music.

The editor once wrote a Japanese ballet. While visiting friends who have a household staff of Japanese servants, he asked some of them to listen to his ballet. After a solemn discussion of the work, into which several Japanese themes had been woven, the butler announced with great dignity, "Very sorry—music no like Japanese music one little bit." One cannot import atmosphere in melodic bottles.

Some day we shall have American opera. But it must spring from our soil like the violets and the hickorys, the golden rod and the redwoods. It will not come with the stamp of La Scala or the Prinz Regenten Theater. It must grow from the soul and mind of a great American, with emotions as tumultuous as Puccini or Wagner, and a technic as forceful as Humperdinck or Rimsky-Korsakoff. Such opera is coming inevitably.

## With All My Might

It was James who showed us through his psychology that a large part of mankind is only partially awake, partially alive, partially active.

Success in music calls for the utmost in every individual. No halfway measures will do. You must work to the limit of physical and mental endurance all the time, to reach the heights. If you expect anything but a life-long climb—get out of music. You will be miserable, with any other viewpoint. The great fun is in the great struggle.

Jonathan Edwards had the right idea. When he was in his teens at Harvard he wrote, "I resolve to live with all my might while I do live."

And he did. His example has inspired thousands of young men in succeeding generations.

## Fading Fashions

THERE is something pathetic about fashion in music. Composers of works that do not possess the intrinsic qualities of permanence, work their lives out giving their best to the world, only to find in their old age that the fashion for their music is fading like the autumn leaves.

We had a visitor from Germany recently who knew the music-buying tastes of the German public in every detail. We mentioned to him names of several composers whose works have, in their time, been enormously popular. Gone—all gone. Yet these composers wrote exceedingly beautiful things, tending toward the salon music style, but, nevertheless, very far from mediocrity.

Time, the leveller, moves invincibly and ruthlessly forward. He has no favorites but those who have builded so strong and so great that their works refuse to yield to his long, keen scythe. That is the reason why we unconsciously revere the power, the beauty and force of Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Schumann, Schubert, Palestrina, Bizet, Purcell and Tschaiowsky.

## Make Music Work for You

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER is quoted as saying, "I determined that in addition to working for money, I would make money work for me."

It often occurs to us that many music workers work all their life for music and are so busily engaged in the intricate technical machinery that they never make music work for them. If you do not learn to take a little time for yourself in which to really enjoy music, as the smoker enjoys a good cigar or the book lover enjoys a page from "Sir Tristram Shandy," you are not making music work for you and are missing the chief joy of your life work.



## Brain Capital

IF a miner digs down into the earth and brings out lumps of pure gold, that gold belongs to him as long as he lives or as long as he desires to keep it. If he sells it he can invest the capital and pass it on to his descendants as long as they desire to hold it.

If a real estate investor buys a piece of property he can entail it to his descendants. Thereupon rests much of the wealth of the Astors, the Vanderbilts, the Goulds and the other American multi-millionaires.

If a brain worker delves into his own brain and produces a work of permanent value to mankind—let us say a musical masterpiece—our laws let him keep it only for the length of his copyright. If he sells it to a publisher with a view to investing his receipts, the publisher is in a wholly different position from that of the real estate investor, because he cannot buy a permanent piece of property but only a lease for a few years—that is, the life of the copyright.

Why should the descendant of an Astor, who gained his money by barter and trade, roll in wealth while the descendant of Stephen Foster, who brought priceless melodies out of his own brain and soul, go penniless? If the copyright upon "Old Folks at Home" alone belonged to the Foster estate or to the original purchaser of the Foster works who risked his money in publishing it, the revenue to-day would be immense.

A great many people are beginning to realize that brain capital is being unfairly treated. Harry B. Smith, in *The American Mercury*, has this to say about the subject:

*"An author devotes his life to the only ability that he possesses; he writes books; he creates the only kind of property he knows how to create. The law says to him: 'This property owes its existence solely to you—but you shall own it for only a limited time. Then it shall be taken from you, if you survive, or from your children after you; and after that it shall belong to anyone who chooses to exploit it at a profit to himself.' But if the author had devoted his life and labor to acquiring any property other than his writings, the law would say to him: 'That belongs to you and your heirs forever, or until you or they see fit to dispose of it.' In other words, if a man is foolish enough to write books or compose music, the law sets a definite limit on the time that he and his family may have the use and benefit of the property he has created, and when that prescribed time elapses the law permits its confiscation."*

*"It is true that in this day and generation there are authors and composers who realize substantial incomes from their writings. Some of them even acquire moderate wealth. But these are surely the exceptions. Those of more than ordinary talent are nearly all poor men. Certain playwrights, novelists and popular composers enjoy a few years of success, during which they earn incomes equal to those of prosperous plumbers. Occasionally a newspaper paragraph reports that Mr. So-and-So, the novelist, has made seventy thousand dollars in one year from a successful book, or that Mr. Blank, the composer of several musical comedies, earned a hundred thousand dollars last season. But it is always forgotten that Mr. So-and-So and Mr. Blank may never again attain to that lofty financial eminence. The prosperity even of the few is precarious, and most authors and composers, year in and year out, find the small form income-tax blanks adequate to their requirements."*

## Posthumous Success

There is something essentially tragic about compositions published after the death of their creators. Many of the works of the masters did not appear in print until after their deaths. Several of the best waltzes of Chopin for instance were still in manuscript when he passed away. The "Tales of Hoffman," Offenbach's one claim to larger immortality, was never seen by the composer. Bizet's "Carmen" and Moussorgsky's "Boris Goudounoff" were produced during the lifetime of their composers, but they could hardly imagine the great receptions that were to be given to them in after years.

## How Shall I Hold My Hand?

MORE letters have come to us upon hand position than regarding almost any other subject.

The question can never be absolutely settled, because of the great differences in hands, to say nothing of differences in opinions.

At best we can merely attempt a compromise.

Liszt seemed to hold his hand high, with the fingers sloping down; but Liszt had a very large hand.

Rubinstein had broad stubby fingers and had difficulty in accommodating them to the piano.

Lhévinne, in his conferences in *THE ETUDE* last year, gave very useful opinions upon hand position and touch. They have since been published under the title, "Basic Principles in Pianoforte Playing."

*THE ETUDE* printed a chart on hand position a year or so ago which was a compromise design. This has helped countless teachers and students, and thousands of copies have been reprinted for those who wanted the chart apart from *THE ETUDE*.

## What About Your Musical Library?

Recently we went into the music room of one of those teachers who are always complaining about the absence of the Fairy of Success. To anyone with common sense the reason was so obvious that it was funny. The whole studio was so uninviting that the little elf would probably have tilted her fairy wings and flown away as fast as she had come, if indeed she had ever been coaxed into the vicinity. One of the reasons for a lack of interest in the room was the forlorn little library of musical books on the mantelpiece. There they stood, three lone volumes covered with dust, and as uninteresting as the room itself.

Have you ever gone into the office of a prosperous lawyer, a prosperous clergyman or a prosperous doctor and found it without a fine working library of the best books obtainable? The old Scotch saying, "Sell your coat and buy a book," has been only too literal to many a young and struggling professional man.

Books are an investment, like money in the bank. They are almost a statement of your intellectual riches. Musicians, unfortunately, have not yet sufficiently discovered the need for a practical working library. Every good book you buy is a prop to your understanding, another beam in the structure of success. You can not expect to go on and on without replenishing your mind. There are thousands of musicians who are dying of intellectual starvation, for lack of the right kind of library diet.

Your pupils will unquestionably add to their respect for you as they see your studio library grow. Don't content yourself with half a dozen volumes. Have a regular book-buying plan and take a pride in seeing the best musical books and also books upon cultural subjects in general, added month by month. Your dealer will be glad to help you in making selections.

The literature of music has broadened enormously during the last fifty years. More than this, it has broadened in a normal and healthy manner. True there are the usual number of musical literary curiosities in which men with abnormally narrow brains try to impress the musical snobs with the fact that anything written about subjects of slight world appeal or real human interest are matters demanding superior scholarship. Such musical scholars will spend months over an insignificant mediaeval manuscript and turn their backs upon a great modern symphony. Fortunately they succeed in impressing few others than themselves. We know of several books of this kind which are little more than academic rubbish. They have some reason for existence, like the stuffed marmoset in the museum of natural history; but their value is so limited to the world as a whole that their position is painfully comic in the musical cosmos. Fortunately there are now thousands of fine musical books which reach out to the great hordes of music hungry people and give them just what should be in the small musical library.



# Tests of Rhythm

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## The Pianist's Greatest Asset

A pianist's greatest asset is his rhythm; and the serious student cannot spend too much thought in developing a massive and infectious “swing.” It makes no difference whether he is playing a slow, sustained melody or a rapid and brilliantly dramatic work. If he falls short of a beautiful tone, if his pedaling is bad, if his phrasing is poor, his playing can yet be effective if his rhythm is compelling. Ask the ordinary audience what it likes to hear best and it will usually mention either a melody with simple, beautiful “tunes,” or pieces with ingenious rhythms. Inasmuch as the piano has not the ability to sing a long sustained tone as well as most of the other instruments, it has to rely more and more on its rhythmical element for its effect.

Of the two, beautiful tone and fine rhythmical swing, the latter is the more important to a pianist. If, to a generally beautiful tone he succeeds in adding a good rhythm, he is a pianist sure of his mark! The difference between rhythm and “time” can best be illustrated by hearing a record on one of the old reproducing pianos, and then hearing one of the modern reproducing instruments. In the first there is merely a mathematical precision; in the second there is a “poetry of motion,” and elastic give-and-take, by means of which the record is able to communicate the former's intention.

Rhythm is indeed the “soul of music” and the backbone of all interpretation. In Christiani's excellent book, “The Principles of Expression in Piano Playing,” he says very appropriately “Music is indebted chiefly to rhythm for its order, perspicuity, intelligibility and consequently its power and effect. Rhythm is the principle order in the magic world of tones. It is everywhere, and lends a beautiful self-balance to the out-goings of impeded energy.”

## Two Hundred Pages of Rhythm

It is interesting to note that out of the three hundred pages which comprise Christiani's book two hundred are devoted to the problems of rhythm!

In the recent “Jazz” symposium in the “Etude” no one stressed the fact that the fascination of good jazz is due chiefly to its rhythmical complexities and to the utterly wonderful elasticity of its swing—in other words, its alluring rhythm. Take this away from it and see how much you have left!

As in the former tests of “Tempo and Outline,” be sure to apply each of the following tests conscientiously to a whole piece not omitting a single measure.

1. Do I give sharp accents on the first notes of all measures of rapid or strongly marked rhythmical works? Students should exaggerate such “meter” accents more than they do. Frequently a work will need little more on this to make it swing effectively. Watch carefully to see that these strong accents persist when playing the piece up to tempo.

2. In slow works do I give every note, long or short, full value?

One reason for ineffective “melody” playing is that the short notes or quicker groups of notes are not emphasized held long enough. It is better to stress these tones and give them more value than they should have, rather than cut them short and so spoil the smooth melodic line.

3. Has the piece any well-defined phrase accents, and do I prepare their entry well enough to make them clear to the hearer?

Frequently accents which come on naturally unaccented parts of measures are not sufficiently emphasized. If the composer is painstaking he will have marked these carefully with long or short slurs. Otherwise the pianist himself must decide where the music needs them. When these occur it is well to make a slight pause before the accent in order to really underline the phrasing.

4. Do I give full value to all final beats or portions of beats in the measure; or do I hurry into the next measure thereby impairing the “swing”?

## Impairing the “Swing”

This is a general fault of students, frequently noticeable, for instance, in their playing of waltz rhythm. The last beat is almost invariably hurried over the “fence” into the next measure. One good way of remedying this is to think of the last beat (or note) as an accented tone, and then “phrase” it with the first beat of the next measure. This will insure giving it its full value.

5. Do I pause before all tones that are to be well accented (whether *forte* or *piano*); and do I hold these accented tones long enough?

Always wait an instant before any impressive tone or chord; it prepares yourself and the hearer for the resulting effect and then do not leave the tone too soon. Hold it! Organists have no other way of stressing tones than to hold their accented notes a fraction longer than the unaccented ones. And, as a great many of them do not do this the organ is popularly considered to be rhythmically less vital than other instruments.

6. In rapid pieces do I devote enough attention to the hand that has the less technically difficult portion, thereby controlling it well, and making the rhythm swing?

In most works that are bristling with technical difficulties, one of the hands has a comparatively easy time of it; as for example, the left hand in Weber's “Perpetual Motion” or in Chopin's Etude in A Minor (“The Winter Wind.”) By working just as hard at this left hand as at the right, you will master works of this character more quickly. Absolute control of the easier hand tends to hold the work well in check. Hold back and emphasize especially the final beat of each measure.

7. Where there are broken or irregular rhythms, do I give sufficient time to the longer tones?

In any rapid rhythmical groups, such as



it is well to give almost too much time (or stress) to the longer notes. It frequently helps if one thinks of the shorter sixteenth notes as being almost “thirty-seconds.” Wait long before playing them—and then play them very sharply and quickly.

## Real Rest Spaces

8. Do I give all rests their full value; And do I leave real spaces where they appear? At those spaces do I remove my hands from the keys and my foot from the pedal?

Always remember that music uses for one of its most impressive effects the absence of sound. A fine, long pause will do more to make a work effective than pages of well played notes. It takes an artist of experience to realize the importance of these breathing places. Exaggerate them in your practice, and when you play to other people make such spaces longer than you think necessary. Perhaps then you will pause just long enough to be effective!

## Tests of Pedaling

1. Do I release the damper pedal quickly enough and long enough at each harmonic change, to avoid blurring?

Bad pedaling is caused chiefly by the failure to shut off one set of vibrations before another is put in motion. Students should get into the habit of completely releasing the pedal, and then waiting before pressing the foot down again for the next tones or chord. In *forte* or *fortissimo* places the changes must be quicker and the release longer to avoid conflicting vibrations.

2. Does the damper pedal really help to bind and make legato the tones or chords in each phrase; or do I leave “holes” of non-legato by my manner of changing the pedal?

This is, of course, the elementary “syncopated” pedal, and is only mentioned here because many students unconsciously slip into the bad habit of changing the pedal at the same moment that they play the tone, instead of waiting a fraction of a second later. This causes the jerky, disconnected sound which characterizes the work of students who have not developed the faculty of listening to their own playing.

## Too Much Damper Pedal

3. Do I spoil the clarity of scale or passage-work in the middle or bottom sections of the piano by using the damper pedal too often and too long?

When rapid passage work descends below the C above middle C it is advisable not to use more than an occasional brief touch of the pedal.

4. In sustained (lyric) passages are there places where, by playing a more solid bass tone I can hold down the pedal for a longer time, thus obtaining a richer mixture of tone?

A “long” pedal usually depends upon solidly played bass tones for its background. When these are lacking the result is unsatisfactory. In those places which demand a blurred, indistinct pedal effect, treat carefully the harmonic and non-harmonic tones, making sure that the former predominate. Otherwise the passage will become overbalanced and unpleasant.

## Long Pedal Effects

Sometimes one can get charming, long pedal effects without this fundamental “bottom” (bass) tone, when both hands are playing well up in the treble portion of the keyboard.

5. Where there are obvious breaks in the music, do I release the damper pedal, or do I obliterate these breathing places by holding it down?

6. Where are the phrases which need the soft pedal? Do I use this pedal often enough to make effective the change of tone color which it produces?

The soft pedal does more than reduce the amount of tone; it puts several new tone colors at one's disposal. One of these is a relaxed, easy (ARM) weight color, and another is of a close-pressure, thicker quality. Decide which effect is needed in each of the soft-pedal places.

7. Is there a place where it would be well to use a “half” pedal, or a “shivering” pedal?

An artist's feet are as sensitive as his hands. He has learned that sometimes a passage will sound better by pressing the pedals half or quarter down; or that, by releasing it part way for just an instant he will shut



off conflicting tones and still keep the ground (bass) tone sounding; or that, by making the pedal vibrate quickly (as though his foot were shaking nervously) he can make an especially beautiful *diminuendo*. These effects are fascinating but it takes years of sensitive pedal technic to do them well. There are a thousand shimmering colors to be had if the student will constantly experiment with his pedal extremities!

8. Is there a chance for me to give increased sustained sonority by holding any tone with the sostenuto (middle) pedal?

Artists differ exceedingly in their opinions as to the importance of this middle pedal. Most European pianos do not have it, therefore, many artists use it in a very limited way. But it is surprising how it will repay close study, and how often one finds a tone which, if permitted to sing out during a passage improves the singing power of the other tones, knits the passage together, and helps to avoid the "messy" sound which would result if the damper pedal were sustained for so long a time.

#### Getting Sick of Pieces

Before proceeding to the "Tests of Phrasing, Tone and Color," there are a few general points which need clearing up. First, a great help in acquiring a technic of interpretation is to make use of every opportunity to play your pieces frequently to others, to single individuals or to large or small groups of people. Each time you play (if, meanwhile, the work is studied carefully) will bring finer control, greater ability to project yourself, and a surer knowledge of how to communicate your feelings. Play only a few pieces that are not too difficult—and play these over and over again to your friends. If the music is of first-class quality, you ought not to tire of it. "Getting sick" of pieces is due to a gradually distorted perspective, and to lack of constant, careful study. Ask your friends to listen to you carefully, and to criticize you. Even though they are not experienced musicians, they can frequently help you by their fresh and different points of view.

There is no reason for feeling discouraged if a work is played badly for the first few times. Even though it has been studied carefully and is seemingly well controlled, it will need many performances in the presence of other people to make it effective and beautiful. Artists who appear in public hesitate long before playing a new work to a metropolitan audience. They plan to "try out" their pieces dozens of times before including them in their repertoire. And even then it sometimes takes countless performances in public before the artist is able to do justice to the piece. Playing in public once, twice or several times a year is bound to be an unsatisfactory experience. You must play frequently and regularly if you expect to control your pieces and if you wish to learn how best to make them effective.

#### Limited Repertoire

When Wendell Phillips was asked how he had attained the poise of presence and finish of style which made his lecture on "The Lost Arts" so attractive, he replied, "By getting a hundred nights of delivery behind me." There are many other speakers who have only achieved popularity, authority and distinction by many times repeating the same address. So it is also with many virtuosos. Most of the well known artists play a very limited repertoire in public—and then they repeat many of these pieces year after year. It is a wise plan.

Also, students should not play long or involved works in public. A short piece well played stands much more of a chance of being effective than an incoherent, floundering-about virtuoso piece, or a deadly, interminable sonata. It is not a heinous crime to play one movement of a sonata without the others! When Beethoven was pressed for a final movement to the "Kreutzer" sonata he deliberately "grafted" there a movement from another complete sonata. What harm would there be, then, in playing this as a separate piece? And many other sonatas may be similarly treated.

To go back once more to the wise words of Christiani: "The quality of the true artist is best shown in his rendering of *small* pieces, for in the larger works the finer details, the deeper toning, the artistic touches, are either overlooked in, or over-shadowed by, technical bombast, which often covers a multitude of sins."

"FIRST and foremost, the accompanist must have a complete understanding of the technical difficulties of the instrument he is accompanying. Especially in the case of a string instrument, the violin or 'cello, it is necessary to have a fair knowledge of the artist's bowing. If he accompanies a singer, he must understand breathing."—JOSEF ADLER.

## Interpretation for the Child

By Mae-Aileen Erb

INTERPRETATION is one point which is frequently overlooked in a child's early piano lessons. Too often this subject is excused on the ground that until a pupil reaches a certain stage of maturity he is not capable of shading his compositions, that is, of playing them expressively. As the performer is tender in years, he is only expected "to play as a child."

This is an erroneous idea. A child is naturally expressive. Watch a group of children at play, or engage one in conversation and the many unconscious changes in facial expression that illustrate the various phases of his narrative will be convincing proof. The child's instinctive impulse to express what he feels in voice, action and countenance, may be turned to account with little difficulty in the playing of his elementary pieces.

In teaching a composition to a child, appeal to his fertile imagination, which is readily stimulated, and he will weave a story about the piece in a remarkably short time. A suggestion here and there from the teacher will serve to keep it apropos to the character of the composition. As an example, take "Good-night, Little Girl!" by H. L. Cramm. This easy piece is rich in interpretative possibilities and is carefully supplied with dynamic signs which the pupil should be taught to follow as accurately as he does the notes and rests.

The writer asked a child of eight, what story this composition suggested to her. She was given a week to think of one, and the following was the result: "After a little girl was tucked into bed, her mother sat nearby and sang a song to her (first eight measures). She sang very softly, especially at the close of the section, as the child was dropping asleep. During the next eight measures she dreamed that she was wandering in a forest filled with birds and flowers. The short phrase beginning on the last count of the 16th and 18th measures, was a fairy voice calling, 'Good-night,' the repeated phrase an octave

higher was the distant echo. Beginning on the fo count of measure 20, a little bird sang, 'Good-night, good-night,' which was echoed softly in higher register. Next, a bell chimed, 'Good-night, three times rather slowly; and finally the fairy, the and the bell, all seem to sing her mother's song together (measures 25-31). But, on the minor chord in the lowing measure, she awoke with a start, and sat up in bed (pause). When she saw that she was safe in her own room she sank back on her pillow and asleep as her mother's voice grew fainter and fainter she quietly went downstairs."

That story made the piece doubly dear to Ethel. She loved to play it and make the piano tell the story to listening friends. With each repetition the interpretation improved until one day a musical friend of mother exclaimed: "That child does not play like a child, but like a miniature artist!"

And that is a point which every teacher should ponder—why should not the child play like a miniature artist? A child is responsive and will take great enjoyment in shading and gaining different effects in tone, but will not take the initiative. He must be guided directed until he becomes original himself.

With interpretation, deliberation should be taught the earliest lessons. Deliberateness in beginning a piece, deliberateness in ending the piece, deliberateness in playing the ritardando passages and deliberateness in serving the pauses. Ease, poise and confidence all flow from that one word, *deliberation*.

If the pieces a pupil studies are adapted to him and not beyond his grade, there is no reason why they should not be played correctly in a thoughtful, artistic manner. The most simple composition, when thus played, ceases to be merely a beginner's piece, but is invested with charm and becomes a thing of beauty.

## The Smallest Interval

By S. M. C.

THE smallest interval recognized in music, as it is taught in most civilized countries, is the half-step, known also as a half-tone, a semitone, a minor second, or an augmented prime. This interval is formed either by using adjacent staff-degrees, as B-C, D-Eb, C#-D, or by using the same staff-degrees with the second note accidentally raised or lowered, as F-F#, G-Gb, E-E#.

When the half-step is formed by using adjacent staff-degrees, that is different letter names, as D-Eb, C#-D, or E-F, it is called a diatonic half step, and is equivalent to a minor second. The term diatonic is confined to tones proper to the signature of the key in which they occur. The interval E-F, for example, occurs in the scale of C major, III-IV, and in F major, VII-VIII. The interval C#-D is found in the scale of A major, III-IV, and in D major VII-VIII. Hence each of these diatonic half-steps may belong to two different major scales.

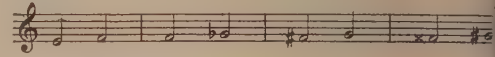
The chromatic half-step is formed on the same staff-degree and does not change its letter name; as, F-F#, Ab-A#, C#-C##, Bb-Bbb. The word chromatic is derived from the Greek, and is applied to notes marked with accidentals, beyond those normal to the key in which the passage is written, but not causing modulation.

The chromatic scale, which consists of twelve half-steps, remains in the tonic key throughout, or rather, it has no tonality. Although there are many ways of writing this scale, the most general practice is to use such accidentals as can occur in chromatic chords without changing the key in which the passage is written. There

is, however, much diversity of practice among composers in this respect. To make the notion of diatonic chromatic half-steps clear, a few examples will be given.

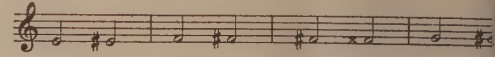
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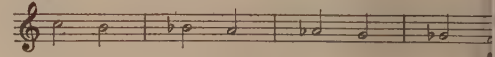
Chromatic Half-steps, or augmented primes.

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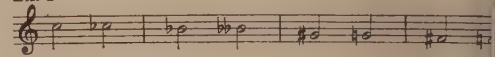
Diatonic half-steps, downward.

Ex. 3



Chromatic half-steps, downward.

Ex. 4



If the pupil remembers that the diatonic half-step requires different letter names, while the chromatic half-step plays a repetition of the same letter name, further explanation will be unnecessary.

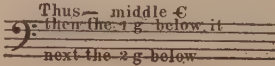
## "The Bass Bothers Me"

By Sarah Alvide Hanson

NEW pupils who have taken numerous lessons often complain as above; and: "Is there some way to get the Bass Clef Clear in mind? I don't understand it and don't quite know how to find my bass notes."

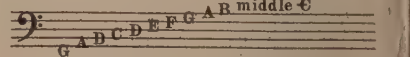
I show a pupil: "Here is your Bass Clef Staff." I then draw middle G above it as a starting point.

Ex. 1



The pupil is then asked to begin with this lowest note on the bass staff and to play up to Middle C, naming the letters as they are played, after the plan:

Ex. 2



When the pupil has fixed this little formula in the mind it is effective every time, and Bass Staff troubles are avoided. From Example 1 it is seen that the first letter of the first line of the Bass Staff is the *Second* G below Middle C.



# How Not to Practice

By F. CORDER

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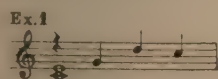
ANY years ago I lived in a country town, and every morning as I went to my daily teaching I passed a house where a girl was always practicing on the piano. I dare say I passed a good many, but this one dwelt forever in my memory, because she was always doing exactly the same thing, as I passed the house at pretty much the same time. She had a volume of Plaids's *Technical Studies* open before her; and she was playing it straight through, beginning to end without stopping. I did not need to be told that her mind, during this task, was in a state of complete blank oblivion. I knew from the manner of her playing that this was so. Her eyes were fixed upon the black dots on paper and in response to this code the fingers rose and fell. Nothing more than happened or could happen.

Will any teacher or pupil who reads these lines reflect a moment and tell me what useful purpose was served by this procedure? The daily drumming went on more than two years, without any perceptible result; the simple reason being that there was no definite intention behind it. I need hardly point out the fact that these exercises of Plaids, Tausig or Pischner are of differing kinds and are intended to develop various kinds of finger technic. Just to gabble through them, as a schoolboy rattles his hoop stick along an iron railing, is to refrain deliberately from trying to improve one's playing. If such a foolish task must be undertaken it should be done on a dumb piano, which at least would not injure what little ear the player possesses.

I know that even in these enlightened days there are people who believe, or pretend to believe, in "finger memory" and who will rather slave at an aimless task for hours than use their brains for five consecutive minutes. People love to tell us how Paderewski practices for seven hours a day or how Pachmann once played a whole measure of a piece all day long for a month, or another silly fable that foolish journalists trouble to print. Many and many a brainless student have I heard of making a faulty passage over and over unto seventy times in without stopping, in the mad belief that if you go on doing a thing wrongly often enough it will get right somehow and somewhere.

There is only one way to practice properly; but there are several ways in which one ought not to practice; and another is this. A girl whom I can hear from where I am now writing is practicing a well-known and quite simple piece in the key of D major. Whenever the right hand descends the scale she contrives to get the thumb on A and, in consequence, plays the next note G-sharp instead of G-natural, the former note lying temptingly near for whichever finger turns over. Vainly does her teacher point out the mistake at the next lesson; vainly does he mark the place where it occurs with furious blue ink. The utmost this pupil can do is to play the G-natural first and then go back and play G-sharp. The A and G that occur cause the same blunder to be repeated; and I fail to see how any improvement can take place so long as the pupil practices automatically. "Evil wrought by want of thought" is a true adage in music, for as the hand mechanism is working uncontrolled the mind and will, no good can be done, only harm. The judicious practice of scales and other finger exercises, a systematic habit of fingering can be acquired, but it will indeed become automatic; but the acquiring of such habit demands all the brain-power that we can command. *There is no point in teaching yourself to gabble senselessly.*

The lack of perpetual mind-control during practice is the cause of all faults whatever in performance. Nothing is more common, nor more distressing, than to hear the blunders of a bad player which have been learned and not be unlearned. Do you know what is an *appoggiatura*? It is a musical ornament, the underlying idea of which is the instant correction of a fault. Through excess of zeal the performer is supposed to have taken a higher than that intended: thus



Ex. 1



Ex. 2

This has the effect on the hearer of a graceful correction in oratory and explains why the *appoggiatura* is nearly always the note above the harmony instead of below. The latter would produce the mental concept of having failed to reach the desired note and having made a supplementary effort—not nearly such a pleasant idea.

Now the connection of this fact with my previous remarks may not be immediately apparent, but the following true anecdote of the greatest of all pianists will make it clear. In Liszt's *Don Juan Fantasia* there occurs the following succession of widespread chords:



The composer, who was given to altering the details of his pieces in performance, on a certain notable occasion thought fit to improve the last chord by making the left hand go over the right so as to emphasize the top note. Not having done this before he missed the note and came down on F instead of E. But as he was keenly listening to what he was doing he was able not only instantly to repair the error but also to turn it to musical account. He held the F and slurred it down, *appoggiatura*-wise, to an E. Then, after a slight pause, he did the same thing again, very softly, like an echo, thus:



Everybody of course believed that this was an intentional embellishment; and, had he not afterwards confessed to his friends that it was his way of repairing a mere blunder, the fact would never have been suspected.

Now this incident teaches the would-be pianist several things.

1. The value of making himself a good musician. With a sound knowledge of harmony the musical memory becomes strengthened and mere finger-blunders, such as the above, are rendered less likely. If they do occur they can often be concealed.

2. Be sure to finger a passage always in precisely the same way, especially when as in the above instance, there are two equally good ones. Uncertain fingering *always* spells imperfect performance.

3. Above all, however well you may know a piece, unless your whole mind is concentrated on every detail, you may easily forget it or lose your way. The habit of extemporizing is far too little practiced nowadays; and is of the greatest value in covering up lapses of memory.

## The Worst Way of Practicing

Returning to my main thesis, that there are many bad ways of practicing, let me again remind the learner that the worst and most universal one is to allow the eye instead of the ear to rule the fingers. It is indispensable to learn to read; but it is fatal to use the eye in practicing. Think now! When you learn poetry or prose for recitation, what is your procedure? You endeavor as quickly as possible to dispense with the book, so that you may give your whole attention to the proper elocution. At first you gabble the lines without any attention to the sense. This is not the best way, but there is no great harm in it so long as you regard it as a mere preliminary exercise. So in learning a piece of music there would be no great harm in letting the fingers rattle through the mere notes if you could persuade them that this is a mere preliminary to real practice. Unfortunately the parallel between the fingers and the organs of speech is not exact. With the voice you are on familiar ground; with the fingers you are not—unless you are a fine musician, when all my advice is needless. But at least you can put the copy on a chair by your side, or, better still, lay it flat on top of the piano; so that you

have the inconvenience of getting up to look at it whenever your memory needs prompting.

Never give way to the senseless habit of drilling the fingers by mere automatic repetition of a passage. The swifter the muscular movements involved, the more slowly and deliberately they need to be taught to the muscles. *There is no such thing as quick practice.*

And appreciation of this fact is not possible till we have realized the essential difference between Practice and Playing. In the former every tiny act—every shade of tone—must be consciously directed; in the latter all the details are relegated to the subconsciousness and the general direction only is conscious. Clearly then the practicing of a piece—just like the practicing of a recitation—can be beneficial only when done so slowly that any error can be repaired instantly and not allowed to become habitual.

A pupil was complaining to me only the other day of the difficulty she found with certain left-hand skips in Chopin's *Ballade in G minor*; but I had already perceived that the error—which consisted in dashing out to a bass note one tone farther than the one intended—was always the same, and had been unintentionally learned, through lack of deliberation. It was not enough to realize that fact and correct the error *now*; the habit of finger had to be unlearned and a fresh habit acquired; a tiresome matter.

## Eye Versus Mind

Moreover, I found that in repeating the faulty passage the pupil was unable to check herself from going straight on each time. This showed plainly that all the time she thought she was practicing, she was really only playing. This is a very common fault, caused by letting the eye direct matters instead of the mind.

I cannot too often repeat that the eye is the perpetual hindrance in learning music—the perpetual foe of the ear and the intelligence. Hence the absolute necessity for dispensing with it as far as is possible. Even in reciting or reading, if you have the copy in front of you, you will hardly be able to refrain from gabbling or at least you will hardly be able to make pauses where the sense requires them. So when you play with the copy in front of you, you find an irresistible impulse to play all the long notes short, to clip all the dotted notes and to ignore pauses. If you play from memory, you may play in time; if you play from notes, I don't believe that you ever will. At least not with any certainty. And what is true of playing is ten times more true of practicing.

## Mind Control

Now, if you hold in mind all I have been saying (which I can hardly hope is the case), or if you will read it over again and try to make a summary of it (which is what you ought to do), you will perceive, I think, that all the faults I have spoken of have a common origin—lack of mind control. Where there is no mind control, there can be no improvement; where there is no improvement, practice is not practice. But why is there a lack of mind control? For the simple reason that nature has endowed us with several senses, and has not endowed us with the power of using more than one at a time.

Perhaps you have never realized this, but the existence of the well-worn adage, "think before you speak," tells you that it is difficult—nay, impossible for many—to speak and think simultaneously. All that most of us do is to switch off rapidly from one sense to the other. The same with seeing and hearing; the same, but most of all, with smelling and anything else. Smell a flower or even a scent bottle, and you will find that for the moment all your other senses are paralyzed. Smelling is the least cultivated of our senses, so it refuses to co-operate with the others. Sight is the most cultivated (with most of us), and so it dominates the rest. You never thought of that, did you? Nor did you think that in playing the piano you *must* use two senses absolutely at once. Now find out which two those are.

When I was a boy, an Indian gentleman once told me that there was, in his country, a college—or more than one, perhaps—devoted to the sub-division of the mind, so that it could attend to three, four, or even five different things at once. His description made a powerful impression on me, and I ever afterwards tried consciously to cultivate this power to some extent,



feeling how useful it would be in music. My informant described an almost incredible exhibition which he professed to have witnessed. A number of persons sat in a circle, all doing different things, while the performer walked slowly round, attended to every thing that was done, and, at the end of half an hour, gave a correct summary. Thus, one person made a few strokes on a bell at irregular intervals; one took stitches in a piece of embroidery; one threw marbles at the performer; one gave him lines of verse to remember; two played a game of chess; two others, a game of fox-and-geese, and another gave him a few grains of rice and millet occasionally. All these different things were correctly remembered and noted by the man who attended to them, doubtless not all twenty actually at once, but in quite irregular and unforeseen succession. This is the same kind of memory as that cultivated by some great chess players of playing as many as thirty games simultaneously, but with the important difference that the chess player consciously turns his attention from one game to another, while the Indian's mind had no such relief.

#### Playing, Speaking and Listening

I myself have succeeded in reading a new piece of music at the piano, speaking to somebody and listening to a conversation all at once, but the mental strain is very great, because of the complex attention required to read music. The late Sir Walter Parratt is known to have played a Bach *Fugue* and a game of chess without the board, simultaneously. However, this is not so difficult as it sounds. The mind can, as I say, switch off with marvelous rapidity from one thing to another; but to make it govern two senses at once or drive one sense in double-harness, as it were—hearing sounds and their quality—this is a power many of us never attain because we do not suspect that it is a thing that can be acquired by deliberate training. For that matter the majority of folks believe everything they can't do is "a gift" and never consciously endeavor to learn anything. How feeble this is!

Am I wandering from my text? I don't think so. To use your fingers automatically, to use your brains automatically (which is the same thing as not using them at all), to believe that the amount of time spent is a measure of success—all these are the ways NOT to practice. To fail to realize the scope of the problem before you—to ignore the mental control and discipline which must precede any attempt at self-improvement—these are ways to render all practice futile and unworthy of its name. To practice a passage at a pace which precludes possible alteration is not practice at all. To do anything where your fingers are not in leading-strings may be very beautiful playing, but it is not practice and will not get you on a bit. You have got to be teaching your fingers all the time, and this demands the incessant and careful use of your brains. The person who does this is the person who gets on quickly and infallibly.

That is my translation of the line,

"Be good, sweet maid, and let who will be clever."

#### Self-Test Questions on Mr. Corder's Article

1. How can "Evil is wrought by want of thought" be applied to the practice of music?
2. What is the basic cause of all faults in performance?
3. How did Liszt once hide an error in playing before the public?
4. What three things should this incident teach the pianist?
5. What are the characteristics of the best type of practice?

#### Scale Fingering

By S. M. N.

THE scales, C, G, D, A, E are fingered alike. The fourth finger is used only once in each octave; and, if placed correctly, all the others will fall in their order.

RULE—Right hand: Fourth finger falls on "seven."

Left hand: Fourth finger falls on "two."

The scales of B, F#, C#, Db, Gb, Cb contain the three black keys; and it is necessary to finger, not by scale numbers but by black keys. Hence the following rule:

Right hand: Fourth finger upon A# or Bb.

Left hand: Fourth finger upon F# or Gb.

The remaining four flat scales, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, are fingered as follows:

Right hand: Fourth finger on Bb.

Left hand: Fourth finger on the fourth note of each scale except that of F, which takes the fourth finger on the second tone.

## A Promise with a Purpose

By Marguerite C. Kaiser

WITH a view to stimulating my pupils to a higher sense of responsibility to their work and to their teacher, I have had a number of blanks like the following printed. I call it a pupil's pledge; and every new pupil is expected to sign it. It is then pasted in the front of the Instruction Book or Study Book. Its effect upon the minds, hearts, characters and zeal of my pupils has been excellent. It also makes a very advantageous impression upon the parent.

#### Student's Pledge

I.....  
promise my teacher that:

1. I will always regard my teacher as my sympathetic friend and helpmate. I will tell her without shame exactly what I do not understand, so that she can help me when I need it most. I will try never to deceive or disappoint her in any way; for I fully realize that she is constantly planning and laboring for my success.

2. I will come regularly for my lessons and will be absent for very serious reasons only.

3. I will try always to be punctual—rather too early than too late.

4. I will practice every day faithfully and as much as possible. I can be only as skilled a player as I am willing to put in the time to be.

5. I will practice slowly and with intelligence and care. If I practice beautifully, I shall play beautifully.

6. I will not waste my time on Jazz but rather shall

use that time to understand finer music. When I am in contact with a famous work which seems to be outside of my sympathies, I will say, "This work bears the name of an artist whom the best judges have pronounced to be great, and the work is called a masterpiece. I cannot see its beauty; but that must be because I am not educated to it. I will study it; and, perhaps, by and by I shall appreciate its qualities." A love of good music is the one unmistakable mark of culture the world over.

7. I will cultivate a love for all that is beautiful and uplifting in this life—good books, pictures, nature, its stars and sunsets and forests and hills, and friendships which bring us closer to God. Life to me, with music and art and loveliness, would certainly not be worth the living.

8. I will go to concerts, recitals and lectures when possible.

9. I will try with all my mind and heart and soul to be a beautiful and accomplished pianist and a well-informed musician. No sacrifice shall be too great for me in order to accomplish this.

10. I will be a piano enthusiast and a firm believer in thorough foundational study. I shall try to enlighten my friends and acquaintances as to what artistic playing really is, through my own good example. If I play beautifully and correctly, surely they will be dissatisfied with mere strumming and thumping. My thorough knowledge of technic will make them abandon superficial study, and in this way I shall be an educator and a missionary making this world a better, happier, richer, and a more beautiful place in which to live.

## Melody and Accompaniment with One Hand

By Olga C. Moore

IT TAKES a great deal of patience to explain to a young pianist the difference between melody and accompaniment when played with one hand. Then after explaining, it is tedious work making little fingers execute the trick properly. But once learned, a child never forgets it. The following example is from *Wooden Shoes*, a first grade piece by Gertrude Bartlett.

Ex. 1



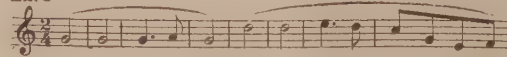
One little girl made it sound like this, as any child would if it were not explained:

Ex. 2



By adding words to the melody (with stems turned upward), it was easy first to practice the melody alone.

Ex. 3

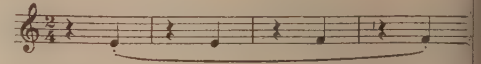


Here are wood-en shoes, Here are wood-en shoes a daunc-ing

We sang the words. We counted aloud. We played it over and over until it was very plain that the composer intended these notes to be the melody. The notes with the stems turned downward, and the rests, were the accompaniment, representing the wooden shoes. Now

the wooden shoes, of course, should not drown out pretty melody notes, so we practiced this part all over and over. The heavy thumb had to learn to be very loose and to touch the key very lightly, then spin up, as though the wooden shoes merely kept time with the melody.

Ex. 4



First we read like this: Quarter rest, E; quarter E; quarter rest, F; quarter rest, F. Then we could always remember to make the thumb only the key. When we were ready to play both melody and accompaniment together, we listened closely for melody note to ring the longer, a little beyond the of the wooden shoes.

It gave the effect of a staccato note in the accompaniment; but better this way than to lose the small legato of the melody.

By adding words, it was easy to teach the child to separate one little phrase of four measures from the next phrase.

The teacher must never forget that music is a science and that children must be taught. I have heard it so often that "beginner's music does not sound much of anything"; but that is not always true, children's music can be made to sound very intelligent if they are taught how to play correctly, by practicing correctly.

Early issues of THE ETUDE will contain articles from Eminent American Leaders of Thought and Industry, who have manifested wide interest in Music. These will include:

DR. HENRY VAN DYKE — Former Minister to Holland, Eminent Poet and Essayist. Dr. Van Dyke has sponsored music all his life.

CHARLES M. SCHWAB — World famous "Steel King" who was himself a Professional Musician for many years.

OWEN WISTER — Famous American Novelist, who graduated from Harvard University with Highest Honors in Music and studied music abroad for years.

EDWARD BOK — Eminent American Editor and Publicist, who was the chief financial sponsor for the Philadelphia Orchestra.



THE caption of this article by no means implies that there are musicians who do know as much about business as do men of business men of average good standard and ability. Let us hasten, then, to recognize the fact that there are many men and women who secure their livelihood through music, performing a worthy public service and at the same time handling themselves and their present with as much profit as could be gotten out of a commercial enterprise capitalized for a like amount and carried on with intelligence and industry.

One may even go so far as to say that the rough business instinct and practice of many musicians is so highly developed that modern Ruth, gleaning in their fields, would find scant picking. Nor is there any orthodoxy in this. Such economical clean-up, even of the odds and ends of assessable, is by no means a skill or practice to be despised. People of this type may be at times over-zealous in the pursuit of reward; but more frequently they are acting only as stewards of the two or five talents originally given them. And thus they rise superior to that grasshopper type of human being who all summer and begs for a winter supply from the hive of the frugal honey bee.

But, as the common expression of the streets of it—there are others. There are those of temperamental turn, of the flowing tie, of emotional hop, skip and jump habit of opinion and judgment, a tribe timid in the world's stern realities, who, nevertheless, bank a false expectation of reward for a glorified share upon a small deposit of talent and industry.

It has been said, and truly, that temperament may be an asset in art but that it is a decided liability in business. In this stubborn fact we shall probably find an answer to the question that constitutes the caption of this article.

But there is still another class—perhaps the most why of them all; the unheralded, serious workers, the best teachers, struggling with an equipment that is probably far below what they desire to contribute in their daily service, procured in years of struggle and at a price that has been a real sacrifice. These teachers perform the finest type of service. They are the backbone of the profession. Theirs are the sanctified hands to which and from which the torch of truth is passed. In short, they are the good, solid, ambitious, ever-improving, reliable instructors who carry the message of education into communities all over our country. Let us be forever thankful that we have them and let us keep them in mind as we proceed to ask—

#### What is Business?

What should the musician know about business so as to conduct himself and the active practice of his art in a sane, sensible and useful way?

To begin with, what is business?

Of many definitions, here is one:

*A useful activity dealing either in material things or in skill and knowledge dedicated to the service of others, under conditions making for mutual profit and well being.* One can imagine the emotionally inclined starting miserably at the expression "mutual profit," but we shall leave the care of this and them as we proceed.

First of all, business demands for its very continuity that we possess something that fulfills a need. The disposal of this something must be our honest undertaking, whether it be the biscuit of a grocer or the ideas of an interpreter. This constitutes the transaction.

Business demands that we supply the need and conduct the transaction in the best manner possible, with regard to the mutual profit concerned. This constitutes the service.

Business further demands that we take our equipment to a community that needs it or that can be induced to absorb it. There would be, for example, a scant livelihood for Mr. Paderewski at a settlement in Labrador for the Editor of this magazine in the midst of the Painted Desert until (and this would immediately happen) each had adapted himself to the new environment by means of a new activity.

We may lay it down, as the next factor of what a musician should know about business, that he should be aware that his skill and knowledge have been developed at the point where they are at once authoritative and useful when transmitted to others. There are already in the world too many disseminators of misinformation. Let him pride himself, if on anything, then upon the liability of his instruction.



MR. TAPPER IN HIS NEW YORK OFFICE

## What Should the Musician Know About Business?

By THOMAS TAPPER

The musician's skill and knowledge constitute his merchandise; and like the merchandise of the business man, it should be renewed from season to season, so that no shopworn article ever passes over the counter of mutual exchange to the customer. This means that the teacher is forever providing himself with new and better salable factors.

How does he do this?

First of all, let me set him up as eager to do the most with what he has, a reader of this magazine because it keeps him in touch with the modern developments of his art; a keen student of the newer books; constantly seeking to provide himself not only with new and more attractive teaching material but also with a clearer and more practical ideal in the training of every one who

seeks his guidance, from the minister's son to the plumber's daughter.

We see him setting up the specific program demanded by every student; adjusting the mystical, magical art of music to every individuality according to its light and its strength; doing his utmost to bring musical enrichment into the community; taking under the wing of his personal interest the few or many music activities of the town, and, so far as his capacity and discretion (Oh, Beloved Discretion!) permit, giving them the benefit of his wholesome influence.

#### Sell the Best to Your Customers

The attitude that I have attributed to this teacher toward the public is a business attitude, insofar as it aims honestly to give the newest and best to every client, never over-selling, never passing out goods of ancient lineage, but importing first into his own intelligence and then into the lives of those who constitute his clients, all that is beautiful and practical in the art. And basic to it all—never assuring the crowd that he can learn to sing nor the fingerless to play; that is, holding forth no glittering allurements to those whose gifts run in other channels.

Now, to do all this properly it must be done systematically, and thus we come upon another factor of business that must enter this program—System. Not that System should become one of gods many, to be worshipped beyond its deserts. But System should govern at least the operating machinery of the musician's profession to the extent that the teacher never attempts, as we have just pointed out,

to sell his goods to those who have no receptivity for them; that he makes the investment to every individual client as worth-while as in his power lies; that he sets up a systematic procedure of hours of teaching programs, of graded study for himself and his pupils; that he establishes a strict financial adjustment, and, finally, a definite agreement as to lost lessons as definitely set forth in this magazine some time ago; that he be where he says he will be when he says he will be there; that he demand of his students the same honorable appreciation of the appointment as he does of himself; and so on—down the line. We should expect him to be able to show the Federal Tax Collector, if need be, the source of every penny and the channels along which the pennies make their exit from his purse. This is not sordid trouble. It is the exact record of a faithful stewardship. And, finally, he should know whether his annual volume is producing a net profit that is a fairly reasonable income upon what the professional training and equipment have cost.

Is all this necessary?

It is merely the reasonable attention which one should give to the mechanism of a business.

Why? Because it makes for justifiable operation, for economic and well conducted processes of the exercise of ability that knows its way around.

Thus far, then, we have come upon some factors of importance. By the first we are reminded that we must have a practical, serviceable article for sale (that is, Instruction) always new, desirable and improving. Next we must offer it in an environment that can absorb it, to its profit and benefit. We must proceed with system in all transactions and keep an accurate record of what we do.

We have now set up the teacher, very much as we should set up a retail business of any kind. Behind him stand the inspiration, learning, knowledge, skill and equipment of masters, instructors, editors and publishers—from whom he procures that which is within his means, in order that he may dispense it to those who stand before him, namely, his clients, the learners, who look to him as the one to procure in the markets of the world that which they need.

#### The Gospel of Business

In these factors and transactions lies practically the whole Gospel of Business.

But there is still another factor which the musician should keep in mind, the pursuit of which is his bounden duty. I refer to that preparation for securing protection for the later years of life, when the light burns low, when strength comes less readily to the call, when one needs, in a measure, to rest upon the oars rather than vigorously to pull against the tide.

Is it wise to think upon this time?

A factor of all wisely conducted business is that insurance of its own continuity which rests in a care-

#### Where is Doctor Tapper?

*Where is Doctor Tapper? What is he doing now? Several such inquiries have come to "The Etude" because during the last few years literally nothing has been heard of him personally in the world of music. These inquiries are quite natural about a man whose books upon theory and other subjects have sold by the thousands, whose articles have appeared in foremost musical magazines for years, who has held important positions in great educational institutions and who is remembered everywhere. Well, Thomas Tapper has left the field of music for that of big business. For years he has been associated in high advisory positions with the J. R. Penny Company, a corporation operating hundreds of department stores in all parts of the country and doing a business estimated well on to \$100,000,000 a year. Dr. Tapper has not lost his interest in music by any means and he has been persuaded to write this article for "The Etude." He is a remarkable instance of a man who past middle life has left the profession of music and become a great success in business.*



fully conceived and executed plan of daily procedure by which there is set aside a surplus which shall amortize the mortgage which circumstances place upon our current activity. In this connection, the amortization is that of the bonded debt we owe to our own last years. This means that good sense bids us contrive, in some manner, to set aside wisely that which is necessary to constitute a fund for protection. It is not the purpose of this article to stipulate, or even to suggest whether this shall be done through the savings bank or through the purchase of endowment insurance; but it is the purpose of this article to point out the wisdom of proceeding into the later years with such reasonable assurance of self protection as is made possible by practical economy.

Every teacher owes it to herself to secure this later life protection. Sometimes this seems, from the point of view of income, to be impossible of fulfillment. There are, however, two insurance policies within the reach of most of us. One is the Policy of Happiness and the other is the Policy of Health. Both of them go a long way in keeping us at our best even unto the last day. And what is better than to find ourselves capable of working and earning our daily bread by our daily toil? But this form of insurance has to be provided for in sane habit, cheerful action and the wise conduct of life.

Truly, it is a wonderful privilege to go on, day after day, performing one's task with joy and a feeling of satisfaction in doing work measurably well; making oneself to move through life in unison with the Divine Intention, if I may so express it; that is, working with the tide in the affairs of men that leads on to some type of fortune, whether it be the fortune of health, or the fortune of wealth, or the fortune of happiness.

#### The Ideal Life

No one, writing in this connection, should fail to point out that teaching offers a wonderful opportunity to live the ideal life; the professional equipment constantly improving, the general education expanding and the circle of activity constantly widening and its influence deepening. Certainly one is fulfilling an office of important influence in one's time, who, through studying the community and learning its musical needs accurately, takes up these needs with the assurance of the well-intentioned, well-trained mind, to put them upon a basis of efficient functioning.

There is no activity in the world that can exceed in practicability this broad community interest that is open to all teachers. One may be, perhaps, pardoned at this point for saying that one of the very first reforms that the private teacher should bring into the conduct of her own fortune is to attempt to finance herself upon a twelve months' basis. Ordinarily, teachers earn all the money they handle, in eight or nine months; for the remainder of the year they move into a period leaner than that of the kine of Pharaoh.

I do not know whether Mr. Finck discusses this question in his book which deals with the business side of music; but it is worth thinking of, particularly in a world into which so many come who possess not the power to exercise wise dominion over a fifty cent piece for a reasonable length of time.

#### Practical Principles

In conclusion, then, what should the musician know about business?

- (1) He should offer for sale a good article.
- (2) That good article should bring to his client and to himself a reasonable profit in terms of satisfaction in the entire transaction.
- (3) He should know what his training and equipment have cost him as a capitalization and what they should bring him in terms of a minimum net return.
- (4) He should proceed in all he does upon a reasonable practice of system.
- (5) He should regard himself as a steward of his own intellectual and financial resources.
- (6) He should keep accurate, reliable and immediately available records.
- (7) He should build for the future.
- (8) He should recognize music as possible contact with all phases of righteous living.

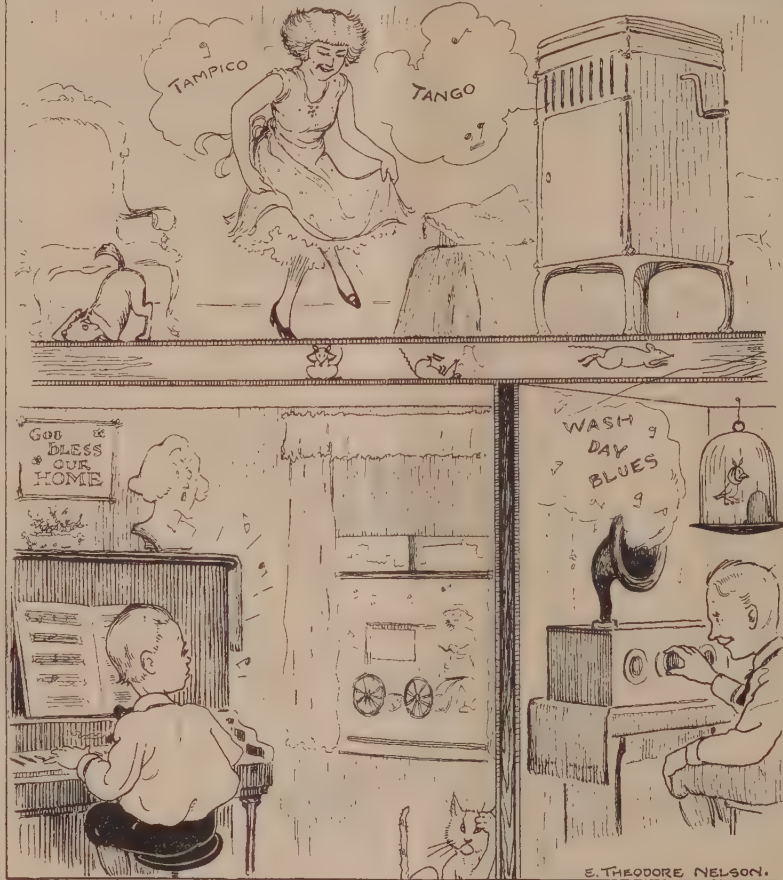
(9) He should find all the satisfaction of life and living in the field of his professional activity.

If he does these few things, he has worked well, done good service, helped others and has prospered in terms of spiritual reckoning. What more could anyone desire?

While teaching is often spoken of as an illumination, it is no less logically a procurement, a gathering from many sources of that which is needed to inspire and supply the individual. Business insists that there must be a reasonable net profit upon the volume of total transaction. Must the teacher work to this end exclusively.

She may take her pay, partly (and how many take it largely) in terms of satisfaction, in the fulfilled desire of doing good work; of stimulating, enticing, leading forth the ability of the learner; finding life desirably passed in the consciousness of doing well that which it is a delight to do, namely, giving oneself generously and without stint to the service of others. What a marvelous army are they who, doing this, have dis-

### WHY WILLIE DID NOT GET HIS LESSON WELL:



covered the illuminating truth that lies in the words of the greatest of all teachers—it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Is this good business?

As good, as sound, as sacred as was that of the little band who helped to spread the Gospel in Galilee, going without script and without staff but nevertheless gathering riches even as they scattered them. Yes, it is often wise, it is often good business, to take our payment in satisfaction of the task well done.

#### Play Often

By Edwina Frances White

PLAY for yourself, your family, your friends—play, just play for people, and listen critically at times to your own playing. At other times just glory in your playing and rise on wings—great, sweeping wings—to those heights of the soul beyond the touch of human we and even human happiness.

Oh, my child, open your whole heart and soul to music, and it will indeed "wash away from your soul the dust of everyday life."

Love it, throw yourself into its glory, into its revelations of those realms of thought and ideals which can never in this life be expressed through any other medium.

### Inspirational Moments

#### Observations of Music Lovers

"RHYTHMIC expressiveness in playing is really what adds the final finish of the real artist to the performance, what distinguishes his art from that of the neophyte."—EDWIN HUGHES.

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"Program music cannot always be detected without the help of a title or descriptive material; but, conversely, a piece of absolute music, particularly of the formal kind, should assert itself in a fairly convincing fashion."—SIGMUND SPAETH.

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"Education that envisages merely the brain is a lopsided thing. To be complete, to fulfill its true purpose it must envisage the character. It must foster taste and seek to minister to that subtle, undefinable and comprehensive thing which we call the soul."—OTTO H. KAHN.

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"I am convinced that those in America could take no single step which would advance the Nation along the road to happiness further than the establishment of national means of exercising the power of music. To accomplish this I would suggest the adoption of the Eisteddfod of Wales in America."

JAMES J. DAVIS, Secretary of Labor.

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"Music, of all the arts, offers the most direct medium for spiritual stimulus to national life. Other arts—as literature, drama, painting—may appear to have more immediate appeal; but music presents more active possibilities of public art-participation. Music affects concourses and gatherings perhaps less intellectually, but more spontaneously and instinctively. At moments of great public emotion crowds do not join in quoting poems . . . they sing."—LEIGH HENRY, (English Critic).

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"Time was (and not long since) when our ears were assailed by strange, new sounds from the piano and orchestra evoked by one Claude Debussy. Contemporary criticism strengthened the belief in many of us that music had fallen upon evil times; that men had turned their backs on beauty; that melody had been deformed and that harmony had become an instrument of torture. And then, after a few short years, Debussy becomes a familiar, fireside friend."—R. D. WELLS.

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"In the critical years of adolescence when the emotional nature of the young person is in evidence, music is the most valuable outlet for the surpluses of emotion—a veritable safety valve, in fact; alone the mere passive hearing of music but more than this, the serious study

music in its executive sense, will do more to hold the track a youngster tingling with the higglety-pigglety emotion of that period than anything else. Parents who neglect the musical education of their children are ignoring one of the most valuable factors in character advancement."—GEORGE BERNARD SHAW.

### More Ears

By Alfredo Trinchieri

THE ears of the house cat become so sensitive that it recognizes the sound of a mouse cutting paper in the next room. By training, the hearing of the music becomes just as keen in the detection of various shades of tone.

To become a ready sight reader is of the greatest importance; for it makes possible an acquaintance with a large volume of musical literature without the drudgery of long study. But the cultivation of a fastidious ear is of even greater import. The eye reads the symbol which indicates the thing to be done; the ear tells that thing has been done with the utmost nicety which it is possible. Less playing with the eyes and more of it with the ears would make a deal of difference in the progress of many a student toward musicianship.







## Preliminary Exercise

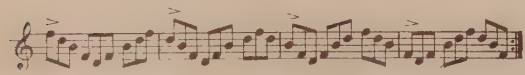
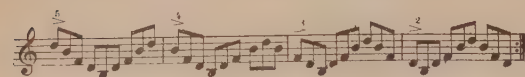
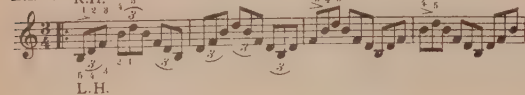
## Ex. 18



Be careful not to strain either wrist or fingers. The number of repetitions must depend upon the physical strength of the student. Begin with two or three repetitions, then increase the number. The tied notes must be held down to their full value, with no stiffness.

After the Preliminary Exercise has been practiced, begin with the Daily Exercise.

## Ex. 19



The first note of each measure should have a slight accent or pressure, thereby giving an accent to each finger in turn. The speed and the tone quality of the exercise must depend upon the technical ability and development of the student.

The fingering, above the notes, is for the right hand and that, below the notes, is for the left hand. Play the left hand fingering, an octave lower for the sake of convenience.

## Crossing the Hands

By D. X. Kyrbi

If the hands are to be crossed to sound a single note, the index finger is almost always used for this purpose. When a hand is crossed over for more than one note, all good editions carefully indicate the better fingering.

As a general rule, the hand leaving its usual position will pass over the other. If it is to be passed under the one in normal position, this is quite sure to be indicated in the text.

Notes to be played by a hand out of its usual place are often marked *m. d.* (Italian—*mano destra*; French—*main droite*: right hand), or *m. s.* (Italian—*mano sinistra*: left hand) or *m. g.* (French—*main gauche*: left hand).

Sometimes, even in good editions, the guiding marks may be omitted. If so, the notes to be played by a crossed hand generally have their stems turned in a direction opposite to those which are to be performed by the other.

"Of all instruments, the organ excepted, the piano furnishes the most in a harmonic way; if properly studied, it opens a larger field. But it may be added that in few cases is it thoroughly or properly studied. Too often it is used simply as a means for personal display—until the fair student marries."

"I write music in order to serve that which is the best possible within me and without any other preoccupation; it is logical that this desire runs the risk of displeasing those who love music of a conventional pattern to which they remain jealously faithful in spite of smiles and jests." —DEBUSSY

## Tone-Color for the Amateur Pianist

By H. G. Hughes

How many of us have felt, after hearing the performance of some great artist, that it was hopeless for us to endeavor to get into our own playing anything of that quality which makes the rendition of the expert sound so different from that of the average performer.

After all, what is the chief difference, from the musical view-point, between the great artist and the moderately successful amateur?

Apart from the ability to perform great feats of technic, does not the difference lie in the power which the true artist has of using the surprising potentialities of varied tone-color that are in a good pianoforte; the power of making the instrument respond to his musical feeling and so transmit to the audience his conception of the beauty and significance of the composition he is playing?

## How to Get Tone-Color

Provided the amateur pianist has some musical feeling, and is not quite "tone-color-blind," there is no reason why he should not learn to produce beautiful and varied tone and so introduce more than a little of the expert's distinctive musical quality into his own playing of pieces that are within his powers.

The production of good tone, and then of "tone-color" or varied shades of tone, depends on our use and treatment of the piano keys. The piano key is simply a tool which we use to act upon the strings. Thus we produce the various kinds of tone we want, according to the demands of the music we are playing. That tone may be loud, or soft, or medium; it may be round and sonorous, or sharp and brilliant; sympathetic or aggressive; singing or percussive. Yet, with all these possibilities at their command, how many never get beyond a moderate difference between their loud and soft playing!

All differences of tone-color depend upon the variety of ways in which the piano hammers can be made to approach and act on the strings. This in turn depends on the way in which the keys are manipulated by the performer in order to get the particular tone he wants.

Once more, the right way of using the keys for tone-shading depends on different ways of using the members and joints that come into action in pianoforte playing—namely arms, wrists, hands and fingers. Much of the use of these consists, paradoxically, in *not* using them; that is to say in not allowing some muscles to act, while setting free the energy of others. This sounds a little complicated; but there is a test—a kind of muscular "conscience"—which tells us whether we are doing right or wrong. If there is any stiffening, anywhere, it is a sign that muscles are in action which ought to be quiescent.

As in any studied muscular operation, perfection is reached by eliminating all useless activity and setting free no more activity than is needed for and adapted to the work to be done. Nature, itself, helps us here; for the ease and freedom which lead to perfection in muscular action are instinctively reached after by the human machine, and there is always that grand test of looseness, from shoulder-blade to finger-tip, which tells us when we are on the right track. In time, right action becomes spontaneous, coming instinctively at the dictate of the music we are playing.

If we would have the keys do exactly what we want we must never hit them. Hitting the keys will produce a sound, but never any willed variety of tone at which we have determined to aim. As Tobias Matthay, great exponent of tone production, points out, a hammer does not hit the implement which he is using—unless he is a machine for testing the strength of one's "punch."

The piano key, as much as a tennis-racquet or golf club, must be weighed and balanced in the very act of using it, in order that we may know and do just what is wanted to produce the effect we intend. A great deal may be learned by experimenting with the keys, listening most carefully to the various shades of tone which can be produced, and remembering that all we can do to influence the keys with a view to *willed and tended* tone (if we want it beautiful) must be done during that brief space from the first acting of our finger on the key surface to the instant of sound production. All legitimate movement and action of the limbs out of that—and there is plenty—is preparatory, and is done for the sake of freedom or to get on to the keys at the right instant.

## Main Principles of Tone-Color

Let us apply all this to the production of variety of tone-color.

Here are the piano keys; they are "tools," like violinist's bow. By their means you can make the hammers approach and act on the strings, either comparatively gradually or more swiftly and with more "attack" in them. The first will produce the sonorous, singing sympathetic tone. It is done by letting the weight of some or all of the piano-playing members—more or weight according to the volume of tone required—as it were into the keys and *lever* them down.

The second kind of key-use, with swifter approach of hammer to wire, differs from the first in this—whereas in "weight-playing" the letting go of the little weight is primary and muscular action secondary in this "brilliant" touch the muscles initiate the action and the weight comes in after.

This sounds complicated; but again there is a telling us whether we are doing right or wrong. Take an easy instance—the playing of small chords. We are properly using weight touch, then, on relaxing effort the instant we hear the sound of the chord, the arms and hands go "flop," the wrist, if all is loose, it should be, will inevitably *drop down*; while if we are using the "brilliant" touch, with its "muscular-initial" tendency of the wrist and of the whole hand, it will be to rise in the air.

We should experiment on these lines, using chords or single notes; for these two modes of key-use and consequent "hammer-approach" are the basis practically all variety in tone-color.

Space will not allow of more than the mention of the pedals, which, used and not abused, are of great importance in connection with the subject here treated.

To conclude, let us remember that no piano likes hammering; but if we treat our instrument properly, it will respond to our personality like a sympathetic friend.

## Time-Keeping in Music

By Viva Harrison

TIME in music is the rate of speed with which beats follow each other according to the signature, rhythm and metre.

Each kind of measure must have a unit of fixed length, simple or compound, accented regularly in groups between each pair of bars. The time plan is indicated by the time-signature at the beginning of the piece. Of this the upper figure indicates the number of beats in a measure, and the lower figure indicates the kind of note which receives one beat. Metre is the working form of the measure.

The principal accent always falls upon count one. However, the composer may introduce specially accented chords at any place in the measure, when it suits his purpose. A feeling for this principal accent may be developed by tapping or clapping the time.

Analyze compositions for their note values, giving them their proper accents, and then playing them in strict time. Until this can be done, do not take startling privileges and slacken or quicken the time. The ability to keep an even tempo is at the root of all artistic

playing. For those who cannot rely upon their instinct for this, the metronome is a most valuable friend.

Learn to depend upon yourself, cultivate the natural throbbing of rhythmic pulsations, closing the eyes and listening to the heart's beating time away from the instrument. The heart has its natural pulsations which may be applied to music.

Words indicating tempo, such as *grave*, *largo*, *andante*, *allegro* or *presto*, indicate the general character of the piece, though their effect is varied considerably in application, according to the nature of the position.

Do not undertake a piece so difficult that the difficult parts must be taken at a time slower than the easier portions. This means sure death to artistic development.

Be your own time-keeper! Weld the rhythm, phrase and musical character of the movement into a consistent whole. And withal, as Shakespeare says, "Keep time. How sour sweet music is, when time broke, and no proportion kept."



# How to Bring an Earlier Technic Up to Date

By the Well-Known American Composer and Teacher

PATTY STAIR

There are pianists of at least two classes for whom this article will have no message. The first are those who are appearing constantly in public and mingling with the musical life of large cities, with the re- opportunities for observation, criticism and inter- change of ideas. The others are those fortunate indi- viduals who have the means and leisure to take sabbatical or frequent summer courses of study under mas- terful instruction.

There is another and far larger class and one rela- tively more important, because upon it the great bulk of basic-loving population depends for its standards of instruction. The members of this class are the teachers and teachers earning their living in small towns, unlucky in being the best in their own locality, or in larger places, who are so absorbed in making money that they do not take their own measure as it may be advisable. These are the ones who are rarely addressed in this article.

There are not the ignorant nor the unambitious. You all, probably, had pretty good musical educations in the time, if perhaps not very recently. Each may be playing successfully and playing well with a technic that has no need to avoid the larger works and an art that speaks effectively in smaller ones. But to each, if honest with yourselves, comes one day the con- sciousness of a subtle change in the surrounding atmo-

Something is happening and has been happening for some time, which you have been too busy to notice. New- ly claiming much for their newer ideas, are at- tracting attention, and greatly as you hate to acknowl- edge it, do play, not so much differently from you, as with tone more resonant and significant, with more authoritative and convincing. What do you say to them? Did you in getting the same results? It is perhaps sufficient to take a course of study with any one at who might help you, and yet you must not remain to play merely as well as ever; you must play as well as possible. The time has come to take inventory of your shortcomings and to help yourself.

Your bewilderment it is sadly true that of making piano methods there is no end. You may study after book written by enthusiastic *Vorbereiters* (preparers) of the best masters of the musical centers of the world, each claiming to be our only road to suc- cess, only to learn that more than one of these very mas- ters claim using any fixed pedagogical method.

When I was a small girl, I often watched with as- tonishment one of my mother's friends play with what she called a "straight-finger method" which she had ac- quired a generation before in Berlin, and which reminded me of nothing so much as the sails of a windmill in a breeze. It was so unlike the combination of Ma- rcelle Sherwood which was my law and gospel at that time that I marvelled and yet was forced to admit grudg- ingly that her playing was musically beautiful. It was in this case, as in many another, that a good work- man will get results with any tools; but we dare not say that the work of only the best workmen with the tools will stand up under every possible test.

In fact, that piano technic has been in a state of evolution from the days of the pre-Bach thumbless playing of delicate clavichord music to the present im- possibilities of the modern grand piano in the pub- lic. How much further it will evolve seems limited only by the endurance of steel wire and human sinew.

Something like four centuries, however, certain things have remained constant: beauty and expressive- ness, variety of tone-color and necessary velocity, and immediate control. To attain these, several fundamental principles of technic have been developed, and less in this order:

1. Complete relaxation.

2. Economy of motion.

In addition to these, in the last twenty-five years the great desire for the greater sonority and depth of which modern music has made necessary and the piano possible, has demanded the "arm weight" and "organ touch" of which we hear so much and may be sorry to know a little more.

Great artists in all periods have, consciously or unconsciously, made use of all these principles. There is

really nothing new about them; it is only their applica- tion which is new, with greater emphasis upon points formerly only occasionally made much of, and then per- haps rather by instinct than design.

Naturally, like all musicians not measured by a purely dilettante yardstick, you have a contempt for fads and a wholesome distrust of the latest notion advocated by the followers of such. The principles I cited here, however, are not open to the charge of either quackery or old- fogysm and are the mechanical stock-in-trade of every pianist you envy and respect. Measuring by these and these only, let us see where you fall short of the best to-day requires of you and how you can bring yourself up to date.

Are we preparing to send to the scrap-heap all the technic you have toiled to acquire and exploited faith- fully for so many years? By no means. You must be-



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begin exactly where you are and make at least some use of everything you have. Consider your old methods as re- sources at your command which belong only to the ex- periented and which the unseasoned student with the new diploma might be glad to possess. But forget them when they get in the way of your further development, which means in the final analysis a better and a bigger tone.

First, let us take up the matter of the firm finger. This is pretty familiar ground. We may take it for granted that you curve your fingers, strike just back of the finger-nail, and in the middle of the key; also that you neither slide along the key, nor let the finger-joint bend inward after the key has been pressed down. This is all right as far as it goes, but leaves us with a rather thin and inadequate tone unless we go further.

Let us assume for the present that the fingers may be raised, or not, as you prefer. Now begin by not thinking quite so much about striking with a narrow finger-tip upon a hard surface; think about pushing a rather broad finger-end through soft and unresisting material to the lowest point of the key-drop and keeping it there to the end of the tone. In other words, play at the bottom of the keys and not on the top. Imagine (and your imagi- nation is one of your greatest assets) that there is nothing between you and the tone you are producing.

But we can do little with our first point until we ex- amine our second, as each is to a great extent dependent upon the other. In fact, in teaching a beginner the second should properly be taken first. They are here placed merely in the order of their historical development.

Relaxation is also a familiar idea. You have without

question learned how to relax your wrists, and perhaps too often your fingers. But have you really the power of relaxing from head to foot? Or do you still curl your toes up tight, inside your shoes, stiffen the muscles of your throat and neck, set your jaw hard and bite your teeth together until your face assumes a gorgon expres- sion that would turn any audience to stone? During my earliest efforts to relax my arms, I used to wonder why my throat ached after each lesson; and it was many weeks before I realized that the old desire to "hold on somewhere" was not yet gone and that my throat was the last point to suffer.

To avoid any lingering bad habits of this kind, try beginning your daily practice in this fashion. Take a comfortable chair with an easy back, determining the height of the seat by the length of your own waist and the height of your piano keyboard from the floor. Lean back easily and relax every muscle in your body as if preparing for an hour's rest or even a possible nap! Drop your shoulders and arms a little forward and leave your hands lying loosely in your lap. Remain in this way until all sensation of "holding on" has left you. Then raise your wrists, hands hanging loosely, until your finger-tips are just above the keys. Let your hands sink into the customary position (assuming that the knuckles are a trifle arched and the side of the hand not low), let- ting the weight of the hand carry down the keys, the wrist dropping a little as if from its own weight. Do this without feeling any change in your relaxed condi- tion. Now press down one key only, with your middle finger, and rest the full weight of your relaxed arm upon it. Then with your wrist and elbow describe a com- plete circle, your arm turning loosely in the shoulder socket, the finger-tip remaining firm in its position at the bottom of the key. Do this many times in both direc- tions, until you feel that wrist, elbow and shoulder are equally loose and easy and that nothing could pull the clinging finger-tip from its place.

Right at this point we begin to consider "arm weight." This has been for generations familiar to all players of the organ. In childhood I was taught by a well-known instructor that any pianist who could make use of an "organ touch" upon occasion had one resource more than the average. Playing with arm weight is *not* striking with the arm, and the misunderstanding of this point occasions the greatest difficulty of all to an older tech- nic accustomed to eliminating the arm wherever pos- sible.

Play with your fingers as you have always done (though the less you raise them the easier you will find it) adding the weight of your relaxed arm to the down- ward *push*, rather than stroke, of your finger. Try first your old familiar "slow trill" with fingers either resting on the surface of the key or very slightly raised if you prefer. Play with a very little roll of the forearm, feel- ing that your entire relaxed arm is resting on the firm finger-tip, the center of gravity of your hand shifting from key to key with the roll of the forearm, which must be as slight as possible.

Let *o* represent your center of gravity and *—* and *—* the roll of the arm.



Repeat many times.

When this seems natural and easy, proceed similarly with the following:



In this the notes also will all be of equal weight. Con- sider this however as a transition merely from the first to the third exercise which is far more important. In the third, do not feel that your hand has attained its new center of gravity until the accent is reached, though the grip of your finger-tip should never be relaxed. This has the effect of making the last three eighth-notes in each group a shade less full in tone than the others.





These very simple exercises should open to you numberless opportunities for gradations of tone color, to be regulated by the adjustment of the arm weight and an unvarying resonance controlled by the firm finger. Apply this to all passage work, at first very slowly, then with gradually increasing effort toward speed and brilliance.

The essential points of the "hand touch" are well known to you all. William Mason and many others have told us nearly all we need to know about it; but here we shall go a little farther in its application. We may have called it "portamento" or "slur" according to the way we have happened to apply it. Try using it in this way.

Take any simple chord such as a triad or six-chord. Lay your hand upon the keys as first directed. Raise your wrist slowly, drawing an entirely relaxed hand after it until your finger-tips just leave the keys. Poise it thus an instant; then drop quickly and firmly upon the chord, putting the wrist in the lead and dropping it, relaxed below the level of the keys, and at the same time gripping the chord firmly with the fingers and holding it to the end of the tone with the weight of the loose arm. Now practice Example 4. The curved line gives the motion of the wrist, which must be kept in the lead all the time. The break between the chords must be imperceptible.



In leaving one chord, try to feel that the first chord is slipping easily from the ends of your fingers just as your hand is ready to fall upon the next. Practice the same exercise also with a quick down-stroke of the wrist without lifting from the keys—also with a quick up-stroke, but never a stiff one. Apply this to your old "slur" and "portamento" exercises, to all your heavier octave, chord and staccato work and some of the lighter, and the thing is done. The motion given as preliminary to Exercise 4, but with the finger remaining at the bottom of the key, is invaluable for lyric legato passages. The undulating motion, while it can add nothing to a tone once made, can insure the proper taking of the tone in the first place and continued relaxation throughout the entire passage.

This very suggestion of a continuous motion leads us naturally to our final point—economy of motion. It might be dismissed with these few words: "Avoid all unnecessary motion." The preceding motions are, however, very necessary in slow practice and often advisable in playing. It is often well to exaggerate a motion to make sure you are doing it properly. So do not altogether abandon a previous habit of raising your fingers, at least in your slow practice. It is next to impossible for some people to acquire independence of fingers without a certain amount of high-finger work—but eliminate it wherever it interferes with your speed or brilliance. Similarly, a light staccato is rarely acquired without much preliminary practice in raising and dropping the hand, but the emphasis is on the word "preliminary." Reduce all motion to very low terms in playing and to its lowest possible terms where anything like speed is required.

It is not possible here even to touch upon the thousand and one details which may be developed in the working out of these ideas. I have purposely omitted the pedal as a subject in itself and not pertinent to this article. But to those who wish to remove the reproach of being "old-fashioned" from their technic I would say:

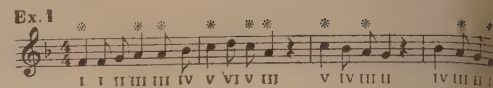
1. Practice the preceding exercises faithfully and always, and apply them to everything you do.
2. Experiment for yourselves and study and listen to the results of your experimenting, especially as regards the resonance and quality of your tone.
3. Do not abandon all you have learned to do in the past but improve it and add to it.
4. Rely at least as much upon your own judgment as upon that of others; remembering that beauty in art is of all times and peoples and that there is no existing method or style of playing but that may furnish some detail toward an artistic whole.

#### Self-Test Questions on Miss Stair's Article

1. What has been the period of evolution of Piano Technic?
2. Name three fundamental principles of technic.
3. How shall we develop the ability to play at "the bottom of the keys?"
4. Discuss relaxation and its acquirement.
5. What is meant by "economy of motion" and how may it be practiced?

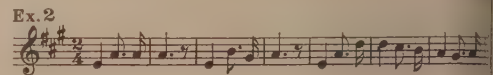
## Analyzing Melodies

By S. M. C.



The inactive, or tonic, chord tones are marked with an asterisk. This melody follows the scale-line exclusively and has very few skips. The progressions are all according to rule. Since a melody built exclusively on scale-lines would become monotonous, skips are introduced. These follow the lines of chords which are likely to occur in the key in which the melody is written. After a step-wise progression a leap in the same direction to an accented note is not considered good. Moreover, skips should not follow unusual chord-lines, for example, such as involve augmented intervals.

The following melody has many skips along scale-lines.



Measure 5, having two skips in the same direction involving two different chords, is somewhat unusual.

In analyzing melodies the student will discover pure scale-lines as well as pure chord-lines are the exception rather than the rule. Composers never exclude themselves strictly to one or the other, being content that a judicious mingling of the two produce a more effect than adherence to one excluding the other.

## Keeping a Repertoire Fresh

By Dr. Annie W. Patterson

How often do students, and even gifted recitalists, feel a certain weariness of much practiced pieces insensibly creep over them. The causes are not far to seek. Familiarity brings a sense of satiety; we can scarcely call it contempt. As the fingers get to move more and more automatically, the thoughts wander to all sorts of subjects—usually the worries of the moment—with the result that the ear ceases to listen carefully to what is played. We are speaking, in particular, of the instrumentalist. Now as concentrated listening is so essential to an artistic rendering of any given selection, once the mind is hitched off, even occasionally, from one's immediate occupation, touch and interpretation become mechanical, and the effect is far from satisfactory.

Most of us who are honest with ourselves are aware of this aloofness when a number gets, one might almost say, too well known. It is a danger signal which no good artist can afford to overlook. The remedy is simple. Give that piece or selection a rest without delay. Go to something else. Take up something wholly new.

"This is all very well," the public recitalist may say; "but I simply must keep up a certain number of standard pieces. People expect me to include them from time to time. If I omit to keep them continually before me, I have a good deal of the old ground to go over again before I can feel as sure of them as before." Whilst this is to some extent the case, especially with players who have short, if quick, memories, the problem really is, how to keep "up to the mark" in any or all items without overdoing them. Let us try to see how this can be most pleasantly and effectively done.

Suppose a fairly advanced student has a good executive knowledge of a Bach prelude and fugue, a Beethoven sonata, a Schumann, Chopin, Liszt and ultra-modern item; the six may be so divided over a working week of steady practice as to deal with only one of them each day. Thus Father Bach may be taken as a good preparatory tonic on Monday, so as to make the strong

meat of Ludwig van Beethoven easily digestible on Tuesday. These, followed by the musical philosophy, the brilliancy and piquancy of the other composers, order named, during the succeeding days of the week, afford an agreeable variety in the student's diet. The mind and ear too occupied to wander wearily during practice hours. Of course, sandwiched between should come all manner of dishes, nourishing, light, in the shape of strict technical exercises (if desired), and the acquiring of novelties of all kinds as they may tempt the musical palate.

Individuals will know best how to apportion their daily times for practice; but the above suggestion may help in bringing variety into the program. Riches change on standard composers as often as people. Have your "day" for this or that great master, and leave no stone unturned on that particular day to gradually whatever difficulties assail you in the moment, or section of a movement, at which you have been working.

We would also again reiterate that this is so useful in the case of well-known numbers in a thoroughly prepared repertoire. Preserve the items by continually alternating them in the "keeping up" process. If this is done systematically, each separation of the day is approached with an interest which would be lacking if it were conscientiously handled every day, until brain and hand got actually indifferent to its form and beauty.

One other hint, based on experience, may be given. Never play over a well-known or favorite piece very weary or worried. Better try something fresh or new, and the exercise of having to pay attention to what one is doing at the moment often a healthful pick-me-up, by administering a music rest to distressed thoughts. The experiment, any way, is worth trying.

## Side Lights

By S. M. N.

The "passing under" of the thumb is one of the greatest obstacles to equality of tone but this technical difficulty, which is very prominent in scale and arpeggio playing, is greatly lessened when the thumb is prepared for its attack by being passed beneath the hand to a position above the key, in readiness for its stroke. For example, in the scale of "C," as soon as the thumb is released from its first key, it should be placed over "F," and wait there in readiness for its turn. The stroke of the thumb on the succeeding "C," to which it must reach beneath the fourth finger, is much more difficult, but it is prepared in the same way. The loss of time, which is

involved in "passing under" without preparatory great difficulty in smooth delivery.

This method of preparation of the thumb should be observed in arpeggio playing. Exercises for the thumb of stroke, in which the weak fingers are raised, are valuable. The thumb is a unpleasantly noticeable in scales and arpeggios; if it be made to strike pianissimo, this will be a help. Scale playing in contrary motion is good, because "thumbs" are almost always passed under the other fingers simultaneously.



# Musicians Do Not Sleep Enough

By HENRY T. FINCK

"I LOVE music but I hate musicians," the eminent historian, Dr. Riehl, used to say.

Well, what's the matter with musicians? What's the matter with them, eh? Just read the diagnosis made by the Baron in "Florian Mayr," the famous musical novel by Ernst von Wolzogen (in which, by the way, there is much about Liszt and his pupils):

"But the general run of music-folk—brrr! I don't believe that the average talents of any other art can show anywhere near so much stupid conceit, general imbecility, shallow-pated bigotry and, odious defects of character, envy and spite, as music can. The insignificant mediocre painter or sculptor is nearly always a pleasant, amusing chap. The unrecognized author, to be sure, is a perfectly frightful bore, malicious, bitter, and more given to going to the devil than the rest, but at least he has any-sided interests; one can manage to talk with the brute, in fact get something profitable out of him occasionally. On the other hand intercourse with a musician of the inferior class is apt to be impossible for a man of culture."

If you know a lot of musicians, will you say that the above is, on the whole, a wild and woolly exaggeration? My own experience of forty-three years in the midst of the musical maelstrom of New York, preceded by four years in musical Germany, confirms the Baron's diagnosis and explains Dr. Riehl's aphorism and pessimism.

Some of my best friends, I courageously admit, are musicians—musicians of all grades. They are, or were, about as free from faults as I am, which isn't saying much, to be sure. But the average musician! "Odious defects of character like envy and spite" are certainly more characteristic of him than of any other class of persons.

A friend of mine, a music teacher, went to the circus one afternoon. In a box next to her own were several sportsmen who freely discussed all the latest scandals in their circles, without paying any attention to her. Near the close of the performance she turned to them and said: "Gentlemen, you must excuse me for hearing your gossip—I couldn't help it. I merely wish to say that it has been a comfort to me to hear you talk, for it has shown me that at music, my own profession, is not the only one that harbors contemptible characters in abundance."

## "Not for Pianists"

How the rival pianists and violinists do hate each other! Do you remember the story of the famous professional violinist who was sitting with a ditto pianist in a box while another ditto violinist was giving a recital?

The audience got more and more ardent in its applause, more insistent in its demand for encores. Presently the violinist in the box, who had become more and more vexed at the success of his rival, turned to his friend and said: "Isn't it getting unpleasantly warm in here?"

And the keyboard friend, with a wicked smile, answered: "Not for pianists!"

Here is another story. The concertmaster (leader of the violins) of a certain orchestra was anxious to play a certain concerto. Much to his indignation, the directors engaged an outsider, a very famous virtuoso, to play it at the concert.

Hell hath no fury like a concertmaster scorned. He solved to have his revenge. At the concert the soloist, before beginning, turned to him and asked for his A. Instead of giving it to him on the open string, the concertmaster gave him another A, slightly off the pitch. Fortunately the first oboist was on to the dirty trick and saved the soloist by blowing for him the correct A. "Schweinehund!" muttered the conductor, who had detected the spiteful act on the part of his first violinist.

A hundred stories like these might be told as having occurred in the higher strata of the profession. As for the lower strata, it is needless to dwell on them. Music may have charms to soothe the savage breast; but too often fails to civilize those who make it their profession.

Of course, music itself is guiltless in this matter. It is the way it is cultivated and taught and practiced that is responsible for much, if not most, of the trouble and scandal.

## A Nocturnal Art

Long ago I came to the conclusion that the principal reason why so many musicians are peevish and cross and hateful and disagreeable in general is that music is a nocturnal art. In other words, the musicians do not get enough sleep.

Ask any intelligent mother and she will tell you that her children are bright and good and cheerful and agree-

able in proportion to the amount of sleep they get. I once knew a boy who, if he got more than ten hours of sleep, was the pleasantest little fellow in the world; but, if he got less than ten, he was perverse and morose and took pleasure in saying or doing disagreeable things. He wasn't to blame, poor boy—he should have had more sleep.

Pullman porters are apt to be cross and surly—why? Because they alone of all those in the car have no chance to sleep. On some lines, now, they have to be polite or lose their jobs. That's something; but they feel cross, all the same and show it in their faces.

Why do musical critics seem to delight in writing nasty, savage comments on singers and players? Why, in answer to his boy's question: "What is a critic?" did papa reply: "A critic, my son, is a man who writes about things he dislikes." Because critics lose so much sleep. To be sure, after they have hastily scribbled their comments and sent them to the office, they can sleep until late in the morning; but sleep of that kind, taken after the brain has been excited by hurried work, is not the most restful thing in the world. That's why critics are so often cross and cynical and disagreeable, day and night. Artists do not love them; and yet all that the poor critics need to make them amiable is plenty of sleep of the right sort.

The catnaps they can get during a dull performance don't always help because often there is no oxygen in the air of our amusement halls. It all has been used up as the air has been taken and retaken into the lungs of hundreds of persons—not a pleasant thing to think of, is it?

## How to Mollify the Critics

If artists—and their managers—were wise they would see to it that concert halls and opera houses are always abundantly ventilated. The critics would then write much more favorably because they would be less depressed and bored and somnolent. Oxygen is as exhilarating as strong drink. Everything seems good to you when you have plenty of it, as on an ocean voyage or in the mountains.

May I interpolate here a curious personal experience? I am extremely sensitive to nocturnal noises. In the country, not only the abominable four-o'clock crows and the vociferous whip-poor-wills, but even the frogs and the robins wake me up. But I have often been soundly asleep not only in concert halls but also in the opera house, with all the soloists and chorus singers and an orchestra of eighty men joining forces in a fortissimo climax. My wife doesn't wake me up on these occasions unless I snore, which might be considered an unfavorable criticism on the performance.

These naps, by the way, doubtless helped me win the reputation of being the most amiable of the New York critics. They make me feel at peace with everybody and everything.

## In Praise of Siestas

Learn to take catnaps and you will enjoy life much more. You will be more efficient, too. Three of the most famous men, Napoleon, Goethe and Edison, had this in common: that they could take a nap at any moment. A nap of fifteen or twenty minutes sharpens the mind as stropping does a razor.

In our places of amusement, if a performance lasts till much after eleven o'clock, the audience gradually dwindles away because the hearers, not having had a siesta, or afternoon nap, get tired and sleepy. How different in Spain and Italy! There the siesta is universally indulged in, so nobody feels tired and sleepy in the evening, and a performance may safely last till midnight or one o'clock, or even later. If singers and players indulged in a daily siesta they would do better in the evening. If the critics had a siesta they would write more favorably. If the hearers had a siesta they would enjoy the performance much more. Let's have the siesta as a national institution!

The strangest thing about naps is that a short afternoon sleep of ten or fifteen minutes is equivalent, in its refreshing and invigorating effect, to an hour or even two hours at night. I have never been able to find an explanation of this but have a suggestion of my own to offer. In my university days, when psychology was my specialty, I remember reading a book by Prof. Fechner of the University of Leipsic, in which he demonstrated that sleep is deepest during the first hour. He proved this by a series of experiments on students. He had a weight so arranged that it could be dropped from different heights on a board. Obviously the higher

the weight had to be lifted in order to awaken the student the deeper was his sleep. Nothing could be simpler and more convincing. Now, a nap is always the beginning of sleep, hence deep and refreshing—Q. E. D.

## Listen, Ye Musicians!

If you can manage to get a nap or two during the day, like Napoleon, Goethe, and Edison, you may get along with seven hours of sleep at night, or even a little less. But if you have no nap, you must have eight hours of sleep, and if you wish to be healthy and happy and live long, you must arrange your habits so you can always get that amount, at least.

Usually, alas! the vast majority of persons in the musical world live in a way that makes eight hours of sleep every night a thing impossible of attainment. Quite the contrary, with diabolical ingenuity everything is done to cheat musical brains out of the rest without which they cannot be at their best.

When I became a musical critic in New York, in 1881, Steinway Hall was the city's concert headquarters. Opposite it was a restaurant and beer hall to which, after a performance, singers, players, conductors and critics resorted. There they sat, drinking and eating, and talking, and talking, and talking till midnight, and often till two or three o'clock. At first I tried to "do as the Romans do;" but soon I found that I grew dull and stupid, apathetic, uninterested, and of course, uninteresting and disagreeable in my writings. I soon stopped it; and for many years now, when I receive an invitation to a supper after a concert I have always replied, politely but firmly, that I could not sacrifice my necessary hours of sleep.

Result: at the age of seventy I am mentally stronger than I was thirty years ago and physically nearly as strong. I never lose my temper; I never say an unkind thing about anybody; and I am as pleasant and as playful as a collie pup.

## Horrors of Insomnia

Whenever I talk to a musician in this vein I am almost sure to get this answer: "I fully realize that I ought to have more sleep, but the trouble is that, even if I lie abed eight or nine hours, I may get only three or four hours of sleep."

That's no fun, I know. Let me cite here two short paragraphs from my book on "Girth Control":

"Have you ever lain awake a whole night, and night after night, trying in vain one after another of the twenty or more futile methods of wooing sleep you have read about?"

"Have you endured the frightful boredom, the disgust, the wrath, the agony of mind, as hour after hour passed till daylight mockingly stared you in the face? It is worse than headache, toothache, dyspepsia, and seasickness, all combined and multiplied by fifty-seven other varieties of aches."

Insomnia, says a medical writer, "is often associated with general indisposition, headache, muscular twitchings, terrifying dreams and outcries; its results are lassitude, bad temper, irritable nerves, lack of appetite, and so on. If it persists night after night the victim becomes tired of life and in many cases commits suicide."

All these things may come to you, and probably will come to you in large measure, if you persist in your present course of working too much and not sleeping enough. Be warned in time!

## How to Make Sure of Sleep

There is one aspect in which sleep is actually worse than no sleep. It is when you have nightmare. Nightmares may come from a diseased condition of some bodily organ; but nearly always it is a result of eating too much, or too fast, or the wrong food, or at the wrong time. If you eat mince pie, or fried onions, or cucumbers, or watermelon, late at night you are pretty sure to have uneasy and unpleasant dreams and to wake up feeling more tired than when you went to bed—and cross, too.

To make sure of sound, restful sleep—the kind of sleep which in the morning makes you eager for work and enchanted with the realization that you live and have friends—you must stop maltreating your stomach. Avoid the things that you know will give you indigestion; eat very slowly and not too much; if you eat one banana or doughnut, or whatever you like, very slowly, you will get more pleasure out of it than by bolting three or four, and there will be no indigestion to keep you awake.



The late dinners or suppers of which musical folk are so suicidally fond are an invention of the devil. Dr. Kellogg, of Battle Creek, knew what he was talking about when he said that the less undigested food you have in your stomach when you go to bed the deeper and more refreshing will be your sleep.

Try, by regulating your diet, by avoiding overwork and explosions of temper, to ensure eight hours of dreamless sleep and your life will enter into a new epoch of efficiency, profitability and bliss.

#### No Thinking in Bed

In this short article I cannot discuss all the methods of ensuring sound sleep I have dwelt on in detail in "Girth Control." But I must refer, in conclusion, to one enemy of sleep to which musicians, more than most mortals, are wont to capitulate: thinking in bed. Don't do it, I say, and again I say DON'T DO IT! It gets your brain into such a state of excitement that sleep is banished for hours. Don't go over again—over and over again—in your mind all the unpleasant things that have happened during the day. Don't dwell much on the pleasant ones either. Don't compose, don't solve problems, don't think out speeches. Make your mind a perfect blank and keep it blank.

That's easier to say than to do, you retort. I know it! Haven't I fought many a savage battle with my busy brain at night! But I have learned how to dull and stupefy and deaden it.

It's as easy as falling off a log. All you need is a will and attention to your respiration. Breathe deeply and regularly (through the nose) and every time you exhale a big lungfull of air say—not audibly but mentally—*No!* Make that *No* monotonous. Repeat it a dozen times, a hundred times, if necessary, till it has driven away every reminiscence, every thought, that tries slyly to steal into your consciousness.

If your will isn't too flabby you cannot fail to conquer your insomnia in this simple fashion. And abundance of sleep will double and treble your chances of success in the musical world.

### Avoiding Monotony in Scale Practice

By Blanche D. Pickering

SCALES, as a rule, are very distasteful to young pupils, and yet they play a very important part in the child's musical education.

It is not impossible, however, to make the study of scales attractive. When a new scale is assigned, a series of chords (the Complete Cadence) should be given at the same time. Of course, both the scale and cadence will be memorized.

Here are the chords to be used in the key of C.



The pupil will take great pride in learning to transpose this cadence into the new key of each scale.

Have the cadence played immediately at the close of the scale, as if it were but a part of the latter. Thus work and pleasure are interestingly blended.

One week the scales may be given in the following order: Tonic, Dominant, Subdominant, Supertonic, Submediant, Mediant, Leading-tone. Another time they may be taken in the order of the white notes: C—D—E—F—G—A—B; then the black notes: D $\flat$ —E $\flat$ —F $\sharp$ —A $\flat$ —B $\flat$ . After this they may be taken in the order of the Chromatic Scale.

### The Resourceful Piano

In his *Principles of Expression in Pianoforte Playing*, A. F. Christiani gives in about the fewest possible words a comprehensive exposition of the possibilities of the piano.

"Polyphony is the proper domain of the pianist, the realm in which he is supreme, and in which no other instrumentalist, not even the organist, can compare with him.

"The organist, with all his advantages, yet lacks many of the facilities and most of the finer *nuances* of the pianist, notably those of accentuation, instantaneous dynamic discrimination through touch, and that most important condition of expression, *pulsation*."

### Substitution of Fingers

By E. F. Marks

"I DEEM the changing of fingers upon the same key of the pianoforte an abomination and entirely unnecessary," remarked a teacher to me a few days past. I delve down in my chest of memories and find something as follows: "If a single voice carries a melody or phrase legato, all the other voices may be staccato and still the idea of continuity is sustained throughout all parts, notwithstanding the contrasting of legato and staccato." Well and good!

Only a short while since a young lady had to appear in an evening of music and requested me to criticise her rendition. Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" was her selection. At the sixteenth measure her bass notes were entirely too disconnected to convey the idea of imitation of the preceding figure of the treble, owing to her inability to reach an octave with the first and fourth fingers, especially on the white keys. Calling her attention to this fact, she endeavored to obviate the staccato effect in devious ways, without success, until she was shown the method of changing fingers on a key to secure the legato effect, principally in the connection of octaves.

Attempting this manner of playing, she at once observed that she gave the imitation with the left hand as smoothly and connectedly as she had rendered the right hand, simply by holding down one key of the octave and changing fingers upon it while holding it down, thus

securing the legato connection and producing the noticeable effect of imitation. The bass was played by her in the following manner:



Anyone playing the above in the manner indicated will observe the smoothness of connection and the similarity of imitation to the two notes of the theme in the treble, and perceive its superiority over the manner of playing the succession of octaves with the first and fifth fingers without sustaining any of the notes and changing fingers.

While the pianist perhaps may ignore many legato connections by changing fingers to sustain the tone, not so with the organist; the latter performer must be constantly on the look-out to secure a smooth-flowing melodious connection, and this is secured only through the unceasing substitution of fingers upon a depressed key. And notwithstanding the similarity of the keyboard of the piano and organ, yet the touch is generally quite dissimilar; therefore the two instruments must be a study separate and apart from each other.

### Sparks from the Musical Anvil

#### Flashes from Active Musical Minds

"AN artist should not forget that the audience that comes into an American concert hall today comes because it loves good music."—SOPHIE BRASLAU.

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"Public taste is a factor with which every artist has to cope, and it is of the utmost importance to him whether it be good or bad."—JOSEF LIEVINNE.

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"Two factors are necessary to operatic success. One is seen, and the other unseen. The former consists of the best singers, the latter of plenty of rehearsals."

—SIR THOMAS BEECHAM.

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"Orchestral musicians are the only ones really qualified to judge those who lead them. All the qualities of a conductor are revealed only to them in the solitude of rehearsal."—GABRIEL PIERRE.

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"I have no faith in the student who says, 'I know how this should sound, but I can't do it.' I think it would be as true to say, 'I can do it, but I don't know how it should sound.' In fact, in many cases it would be truer."—HAROLD BAUER.

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"Prodigies are born, not made. A slightly varied conformation of the brain, and one is born full fledged to a particular art, the finger points burning to play and

the intricacies of skill an open book. Genius is a free of nature and the most haphazard chance thing there is."—MORITZ ROSENTHAL.

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"Music should become part of the life of the people and should be looked upon in just the same way as the provision of parks and pleasure grounds and other matters of public health, because it has a great influence on human nature, and a great deal to do with life itself."

—SIR DAN GODFREY.

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"Musicians who think they can write in foreign style without travel delude themselves and appear ridiculous. To write the music of other nations, one must study at the fountain-head, among the peoples themselves, eating their food, admiring their art, reading their poet courting their women—in brief, live as they do. This can the root of a national art be extracted."

—LOUIS LOMBARD.

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"The strength of great painters and great musicians is measured by their more or less intimate relation with the people. The element which fascinates us in the Italian Renaissance of mediaeval art is to discover in the every-day common features which belong to Italy of all times, past, present and future. That what moves us deeply. The rest is formula, a clever game which does not last."—RAOUL LAPARRA.

### A Vanquished Conductor

In *Music and Bad Manners* (published by Alfred A. Knopf), Carl van Vechten picturesquely relates how the capricious Marie Delna outwitted the supposed-to-be pilot of an operatic performance.

"She always retained a certain peasant obstinacy, . . . and acquired a habit of having her own way. Her *Orphée* was (and still is, I should think) one of the notable achievements of our epoch. . . . After singing the part several hundred times she naturally acquired certain habits and mannerisms, tricks both of action and of voice. Still, it is said, that when she came to the Metropolitan Opera House she offered, at a rehearsal, to defer to Mr. Toscanini's ideas. He, the rumor goes, gave his approval to her interpretation on this occasion. Not so at the performance. Those who have heard it never can forget the majesty and beauty of this

characterization, as noble a piece of stage work we have seen or heard in our day.

"At her debut in the part in New York, Mme. Del was superb, vocally and dramatically. In the celebrated air, *Che faro senza Euridice*, the singer followed the tradition, doubly established by Mme. Viardot, in the revival of the mid-century, of singing the different stanzas of the air in different *tempi*. In her slow *adagio*, the conductor became impatient. He beat his stick briskly across his desk and whipped up the orchestra. There was soon a hiatus of two bars between singer and musicians. It was a terrible moment; but the singer won the victory. She turned her back on the conductor and continued to sing in her own time. The organ rolled out and presently the audience became aware of junction between the two forces."

"A MUSICAL amateur is one who has given serious study to music, especially to some instrument, and who finds a genuine and abiding satisfaction in producing the best music, preferably in ensemble. Amateur music is music in the home."—LOUIS SVEČENSKI.

"A city can build no better monument to its wisdom and taste than by maintaining an orchestra. Almost every man is a potential music-lover. More than its sister arts is music the people's art, and in an orchestra reaches its highest and most appealing form."



MY recital had gone quite well that afternoon, and the rather adipose Lady President advanced, beaming, "You've given our club such a treat and what a lovely toned violin you have! Is it, may I ask, a-er-Strad.?"

Happily, I could assure her that such was the case.

"How awfully interesting!" she exclaimed, but would you mind my asking another question? I've always been confused, don't you know—about Cremona. Now am I wrong in supposing him to have been a sort of rival violinmaker? Or was it just a family name—a trade name, so to speak—of Strad's?"

Few indeed, among the Virtuosi Errant, who have escaped the "Lady President" with her quaint questionings; so my experience that afternoon was by no means exceptional. But at least they have decisively located one fixed star in the fiddle firmament, even though the rest are blandly ignored, and no eye encountering my rather cryptic opening query—from Augusta to Oberlin—Alberta to Omaha—will widen with even momentary doubt as to the profession and importance of—"a-er-Strad."

Recently, while following the trail of a romance, as it meandered among the alluring automobile "ads" in the back section of a popular publication, my attention was caught and held by an intriguing line in heavy type which suggested, "Ask the man who owns one."

Now of course there were no motor cars in Cremona, Italy, A. D. 1714, to park before the violin shop at No. 2 piazza San Domenico, where resided Antonius Stradivarius, but the auto people seemed with their slogan to have almost anticipated and nearly answered my question, "Why is a Strad.?" Ask the man who owns one.

In his day Stradivarius (sometimes known as Antonio Stradivari) was paid anywhere from \$20 to \$200 for his violins. A few months ago came the report that a celebrated Strad., recently brought over from England, had been resold in this country for \$55,000; and we can only conjecture what his most famous instrument, "The Messiah," would bring if it were to be offered for sale. The sum would be in six figures, that is certain.

#### Violin Contests

And yet, from many cities and from distant lands come the reports of violin "contests," so called, in which the instruments of Stradivarius have gone down in disastrous defeat before those of certain modern violin-makers or luthiers. And the laity, reading these reported triumphs, lifts up its voice and demands to know: "How about it?"

"Why squander a fortune on fourteen ounces of ancient wood when the contemporary creation has won such an unequivocal victory? Is it all a fad—this old fiddle craze? A servile salaaming before the tradition of ancient superiority? Does it simply corroborate the rather cynical and entirely Gallic contention that the American 'Knows the price of everything and the value of nothing?'"

The situation is made more dramatic because the time is coming when the Stradivarius Violin will become as extinct as the Dodo. It will still exist in collections and in museums; but, as concert instruments suitable for day-in-and-day-out use, the Strad. violins are almost certain to lose their marvelous character from "over-playing." There are already many "sick" Strads. It seems now that in a few generations those now in active concert work will have lost their brilliance, so that the virtuosi will prefer violins in their prime by the later Italian makers of less repute.

It is now a quarter of a century since a certain Long Island City lost its most celebrated citizen and the modern world its most gifted violin-maker; or, as a well-known violin house describes him in their latest '23 catalog, "A master workman and the premier 'American Luthier.'"

For a time after his death the best of this famous maker's violins went as high as \$1,000 in price; but last month a splendid 1885 specimen was secured for \$250.

Yet during his lifetime this maker was quite certain that the divine afflatus had fluttered straight down from the Parnassian slopes to find a permanent abiding place in Long Island.

"But how then—about these violin contests: 'Chicago vs. Cremona,' I'm asked: 'are they not on the level?'"

Entirely so; but they prove nothing one way or the other. The writer has attended more than one, in years gone by, and was reduced to such a state of muddled



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Photo by Goldensky.

## Why is a Strad.?

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### Are the Great Stradivarius Violins Likely to Become Extinct as Concert Instruments?

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indecision that to misquote a ballad popular in the days of the gut "E" string, "All fiddles were alike to me."

"Still the Strad. myth persists." Yes, and to understand it we must revert to the slogan of the sedan salesman, "Ask the man who owns one."

Would he exchange his 1714 Strad. for seventeen hundred and fourteen modern violins? He most emphatically would NOT. That's the test.

#### Joachim and Sarasate

In one sense, of course, a violin is a violin, and nothing more; but the tone produced by different violinists on the same instrument differs quite as much as does the timbre of their speaking voices. Joachim and Sarasate both used Strads. of an almost identical period; and yet their tones were as unlike as their home towns—as different as Madrid and Berlin. The austere nobility of the Joachim and the sensuous grace of the Sarasate tone were inevitably derived from the personalities of these two supreme artists. Their tonal characteristics would have been quite as much in evidence had they used instruments from the workbench of some mute, inglorious Maggini of the Middle West. It would not have mattered, in one way, so long as the violins beneath their chins were correctly built. The tonal result would have remained entirely individual and personal, up to a certain point, and with the lustre and brilliancy of their performance seemingly undimmed. Tilden with a \$1.39 tennis racket would prove quite as devastating—up to a certain point. But the supreme player—golf,

by these two master-workers in the selection of their centuries had much to do with their present-day pre-eminence. Vermeer hunting a 1914 apartment in upper Manhattan is rather a strain on the imagination, though in these days he would perhaps be able to get through the winter without being obliged to barter an immortal canvas for a batch of baker's bread.

The "Fizz Tire People" would see to that and would also, without doubt, purchase pastureland space for his "Posters;" featuring the "Head of a Girl" enhailed in caoutchouc.

#### Stradivarius on Broadway

And "Stradivarius in his Work Shop" up among the roaring forties!! Strad. swaying from a subway strap; arguing with a capricious flivver; blinking defensively at the scudding silhouettes; shuddering past the steam riveters' merry fusillade. This is the age of superlative cleverness, we are told—mechanical cleverness, that is; and music, not to remain behind, offers among the many recent contributions, a "Locomotive Symphony" from the tonal roundhouse of one Herr Honegger. Stradivarius' ears escaped this grade-crossing peril, at least, and Mynheer Vermeer never grew "ashen and sere" at the sight of that glistening gentleman outlined against the night in electric lights above Times Square temperamentally cleaning his teeth with the Mazda-lighted tooth brush. There are many thousands of painters and luthiers grinding actively away to-day; but in the "Picture of a Girl" and the "Dolphin Strad." they have a mark to shoot at that will engage their attention for quite some time to come.

Stradivarius believed in allowing his work to tell the story; so we have only meagre details of his life. Coming from a family that dated back to the 13th century, he was born in Cremona in 1614 and lived there his entire life. No portrait survives, even if one ever were painted. We are told that he was tall and thin, and wore habitually a long leather apron. He made money and kept it. He was married twice; and the family circle was not small. Of the children, we hear of only three sons. For a while, two of them, Omobona and Francesca, carried on the family business after Stradivarius' death in 1737; but they soon pass from the picture, leaving behind them a few violins of undoubted excellence, but illustrating once again that the ability to leave "sandal imprints upon the sands of time" is not hereditary. The third son soon put aside the fiddle-stick, so to speak, for the yard-stick, and, turning clothing merchant, achieved wealth and oblivion.

Stradivarius' life, as he lived it seems to be the finest

#### Millions of Fake Strads

**If you have a violin with a Stradivarius label, or stamped Stradivarius on the outside, there is not one chance in a million that it is genuine. The fake Strad. violin labels were printed like postage stamps, in exact reproduction of the originals. These labels were put in new and old violins by other makers, to fool and cheat the ignorant purchaser. Almost any pawn shop has a supply of these fake Strads.**



example of single-hearted devotion to one supreme object that has ever come down to us. He went slowly, but so exactly and surely forward from the first; and only when he had finished his long apprenticeship and had found himself, do we see his name in a violin and that only after he had passed his 29th year. And yet we restless, efficient moderns demand to be shown why men are not producing such masterpieces to-day. Stradivarius was a home body and we have no record of his travels, if indeed he ever ventured abroad; and the sporadic uprisings and revolutions of his day passed over his head unheeded. In 1702 Cremona changed hands three times in as many months; but it is entirely probable that the master was unaware of the fact. There was a long foreground to Stradivarius as there always is and must ever be when a world genius appears.

#### Four Centuries of Violin Making

Nearly four centuries have passed since a certain Gaspar, whose surname is uncertain and immaterial, produced, in Brescia, Italy a stringed instrument which we called a violin. His violin was broad and wide, flat and perhaps rather crude but not essentially different from the instrument of to-day. His pupil Maggini brought in a higher degree of skill, but knew enough to stick to the pattern of his great predecessor. But then come the vast hordes who must needs improve on the original model. So fiddle tops bulge—backs buckle out—sound-holes draw in their sturdy curves to become refined and lady-like—until with the entry of Stainer, from the Tyrol, comes the beginning of the end.

His instruments bulge like Bartlett pears until the gaze could almost wander in at one F hole and then out through the other. But Stainer had his hour in the sun and was at one time rated above Stradivarius himself, in England, at least; for the tone of his violin, they said, "was more penetrating." It was—it is!

#### How Many Strads. are There ?

Under that great artist, Nicola Amati, Stradivarius learned his profession and later fell heir to his teacher's entire stock in trade from glue pot to patterns; and a priceless heritage it proved during the years which followed, years of trial, study, experiment, leading at last to fame and world-wide recognition. Not alone violins, but harps, 'cellos, mandolins, violas and guitars poured from that wonderful shop at No. 2 Piazza San Domenico. The Encyclopedia Britannica says that Stradivarius made over 2,000 violins during the ninety-three years he lived. Other authorities put it at not over a thousand. The famous London experts, the Brothers Hill, some years ago made an exhaustive search and traced some 500 genuine Strads. over the earth. One of the leading American experts said "four hundred about" in answer to an inquiry and added that of that number a hundred were of the first rank.

It was one of these great "hundred," perhaps, that inspired Gladstone to declare during an address before Parliament that "the production of a Stradivarius violin was quite as great a scientific achievement as the building of a locomotive." Almost to the end of his life, this wonderful violin-maker worked on with undiminished vigor; and only with the oncreeping nineties do we detect a heavier touch in the turning of a scroll, the less perfect throwing of a corner, a shadow in the limpid brilliancy of the varnish. His was a soul serenely aloof and spiritually posed above the "tumult and the shout-

ings." Ever haunted by a vision of perfection, he knew no rest but labored on through the years until, at an age when most men seek the chimney corner, he emerged radiant upon the heights into the glory of what the world now calls his "Golden Period." "Three score years and ten" passed before appeared that miracle of workmanship and tone, the Messiah Strad.

#### Do Violins Improve With Age ?

Every violin, like every human being, seems to have a normal length of life. It has its babyhood, its youth, its maturity, and its senility. This age depends not so much upon years as upon the amount of playing the instrument receives. When first produced a great violin has a lack of perfect responsiveness, which is difficult to describe. A number of years ago it was my privilege in Berlin to play upon a Stradivarius in the famous Partello collection. The violin was old in years, but to all intents and purposes quite new as far as its "playing" age was concerned. It has been played upon only at rare intervals. Though obviously superior to a new violin, it lacked the fine sonority and flexibility of other Stradivarius violins that had been in the hands of a master violinist for years.

The fact is that violins improve up to a certain point. This point they retain for some time, depending upon the amount of playing they regularly receive. Then they decline in character and brilliance. They become what are known as "sick" violins and are chiefly valuable, from that time on, to the collector. If a violin has been used by a number of famous players, or if it has some romance in its career and has a well-certified pedigree, the collector may pay a big price for it, although it will go into a glass casket to live in a state of invalidism for the remainder of its life.

Rest acts as a remedy; but it is not a cure. That is, if the violin rests for some time it can be played on again a few times, but then it seems to suffer a relapse. Just what miracle it is that brings the violin "back" after a rest is difficult to explain. Joachim had a "sick" Strad. which he played upon only at rare intervals.

The kind of playing a violin receives makes all the difference in the world. The finer the fiddle at the beginning, the finer the perfect tonal channels, the more beautiful the vibrations upon the molecules of the wood and the varnish, the finer will become the violin. One could play upon a cheap fiddle until doomsday and never make it a good one; but with a fine violin at the start the violinist literally plays his musical soul into it, and it is this imprisoned musical quality which has brought reputation to many Strads.

I am often asked whether this is not all mere superstition. Nonsense. Ask any virtuoso. The tests give results that are evident enough. Furthermore it is my conviction that even a fine violin can be injured by the careless playing of a novice.

However, mere age will not produce this marvelous improvement. Violins made by other violin makers who worked before or during the life of Stradivarius, though undoubtedly much better than when they were made, do not compare with the master's work. Unless a violin is well made, it will not improve at all. We can scarcely hope that violins of other makers will ever be comparable with those of Stradivarius.

Violin-making was the last of the Renaissance arts; and after Stradivarius' death came a gradual decline. With the dawn of the 19th century the curtain is down forever on the "glory that was Cremona."

### Memorizing at the Piano

By Norman Lee

It is perhaps a piece of temerity to believe I could make suggestions as to how to memorize more easily; and yet, an engineer by profession, as I have been closely associated with pianists all my life, both here and abroad, and am myself at present an earnest student of this art, I venture to offer some hints.

Roughly, pianists may be divided into two classes; those who read at sight readily but do not memorize easily, and those who have no difficulty in remembering, yet are almost impossible sight readers.

With good sight readers, it is the visual image of the note on the printed page that conveys the impression to the fingers. Their conception of the keys is almost entirely mental as represented by printed notes, and not physical. When they seek to memorize, it is by a mind photograph of engraved notes, which implies an extreme mental effort.

On the other hand, to those who read with difficulty, the physical key on the clavier means much more than

the printed note. Middle C, for example is translated from the mental vision of a black spot one line below the staff, to a certain white key itself. In memorizing, they use the music only to find where the keys are, and then remember the position of the hand on the keys, getting away from the printed page as soon as possible, to the clavier itself. In other words, with a well-memorized piece they could only write out the music by remembering which keys they had played.

To those who have trouble, then, the advice would be to look at their hands and remember the keys. Learning by heart takes a little effort. Start off the piece and play as far as possible. At the first difficulty, hunt around for the right note or chord by ear, and when found memorize the keys and position. Only when it is impossible to find the right note in this way, should the music be consulted.

Get away from a visual image of black spots on a white page, to a physical impression of keys.

### The Whole-Tone Scale

By Elizabeth A. Gest

THE whole-tone scale used to be considered a novelty but has now become an accepted form, and was no harder to adopt than a change in millinery. Not long ago one shuddered when confronted by such a scale, on account of the difficulty of execution as well as the "queer sound," but now pianists greet such a scale as an old acquaintance—the kind that should not be forgotten. But do they play it with the same degree of skill and velocity that they do the standard major and minor scales?

After all, there are only two forms of the whole-tone scale, no matter what key the passage may be in, or to what key it is leading; whereas, in the "regulars" we have twelve majors, twelve melodic minors, twelve harmonic minors and a chromatic, so why should two more add any terrors?

One form uses the group of three black keys, no matter where it starts, and the other form uses the group of three white keys, no matter where it starts. The first form will use the second, third and fourth fingers on the three black keys, leaving thumb, second and thumb for the white keys.

#### No. 1



The other form uses the second and third fingers on the black keys, leaving thumb, second and third for the white keys.

#### No. 2



When playing these scales with each hand an octave apart, or a major third or a minor sixth apart, both hands use the same form, but when playing them with the hands a minor third or a major sixth apart, each hand plays in a different form. This is not easy to do at first, but it is a splendid exercise in concentration, and is a good preparation for the unexpected in modern piano music.

### Berlioz Admired "Der Freischütz"

THE appreciation of one genius by another is seldom characterized by those small cynicisms indulged by lesser minds. And so we find Berlioz writing most enthusiastically of the "Der Freischütz Overture," one of the few compositions of its form and time which have held a place on modern programs.

"The overture has been crowned 'queen.' None can be found to contest that fact. It is an overture which now serves as a model of its kind; and the themes, of both its *andante* and *allegro*, are known everywhere. But there is another theme to which I am obliged to refer, because, although it courts less notice, it causes me an incomparably greater emotion than the rest. I refer to that long plaintive melody, issuing from the clarinet, to a tremolo accompaniment of the stringed instruments; seeming like a distant wail which the winds have dispersed throughout the depths of the woods. It goes straight to the heart and, in my opinion at any rate, this virginal song, seeming to exhale its timid reproach in a heavenly direction whilst a sombre and threatening harmony trembles beneath it, is one of the newest, the most poetic and the most beautiful contrasts that modern music has produced. In this instrumental inspiration it is already easy to recognize a trace of the character of *Agatha*, which is soon to develop itself in all its passionate candor."

### "Barber Shop Music" in Shakespeare's Time

PERHAPS the "Barber-shop-chords" in which we still hear tuneful youths indulge on moonlit street corners are, after all, but a dim heritage of an ancient and honorable custom noted in Scholze's "Third Book of the Great Musicians."

"But besides being a great 'word-musician' (one of the greatest there has ever been) it is quite likely that Shakespeare was a player and singer. . . . In the days when he lived Englishmen and Englishwomen were famous for their playing of various instruments, and almost all of them could sing.

"People were so musical that in a barber's shop there was often an instrument called a cittern (a kind of lute or guitar) hanging on the wall for any customer who was waiting his turn to be shaved to play upon, just as nowadays there are newspapers for him to read."



# The Teachers' Round Table

Conducted by PROF. CLARENCE G. HAMILTON, M.A.

This department is designed to help the teacher upon questions pertaining to "How to Teach," "What to Teach," etc., and not technical problems pertaining to Musical Theory, History, etc., all of which properly belong to the Musical Questions Answered department. Full name and address must accompany all inquiries

## Bach and Others

In what order should the Bach *Inventions* (Two and Three Part) be taken up? Is one practically ready to commence the study of the pipe organ after mastering these *Inventions*? What studies and sonatas may be studied together with the Bach *Inventions*? When should one commence Chopin's Preludes, Mazurkas and other compositions? W. R. McK.

In the study of the two-part *Inventions*, I suggest the following order:

No's. 1, 3, 4, 8, 5, 2, 6, 10, 11, 14, 15, 13, 7, 9, 12. These, their splendid drill in two-part playing and simplicity of construction, these two-part inventions furnish an excellent preparation for the study of the *Well-Tempered Clavichord*—the climax of Bach study. They render unnecessary the more complex three-part *Inventions*, many of which are quite as difficult as more important fugues of the greater work. The usefulness of the three-part *Inventions*, in my opinion, No's. 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 15.

A better preparation for organ study can be found in the practice of Bach's polyphonic clavier works; after mastering a generous number of these one will be able to take up the study of the pipe organ to advantage,—especially if piano study be still needed.

I suggest your working at the same time on Mendelssohn's *Songs Without Words*, also sonatas by Haydn, and the earlier sonatas of Beethoven. For these, the three great C's: Czerny, Cramer and Clementi, are invaluable.

There is no reason why you should not immediately take also the more elastic style by some of Chopin's. Begin with the Preludes No's. 1, 3, 6, 15; the Mazurkas Op. 64, No's. 1, 2, 3, and the posthumous *Waltz Minor*; the Mazurkas Op. 7, No. 1; Op. 33, No's. 1, 4; and the Nocturnes Op. 9, No. 2 and Op. 32, No. 4.

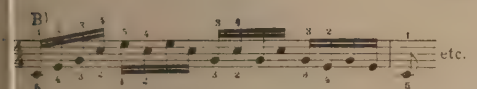
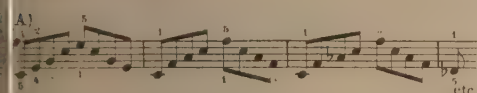
## Extended Hand-Positions

Please suggest some exercises for expanding the hand.—A. B.

A useful group of such exercises may be derived from the following three simple chords, each one of which is based on one note over the octave; and all of which are fingered alike:



These chords may be applied to all keys, in chromatic order, and various figures may be based upon them, as the following:



Different degrees of tone and of speed will add to the usefulness of these exercises. Since they tend to relax the wrists, care should be observed to keep the hands relaxed. Also, it is well to alternate such exercises with exercises in very close position; such as based upon the chromatic scale.

"Don't despair; but if you do, work on in despair."

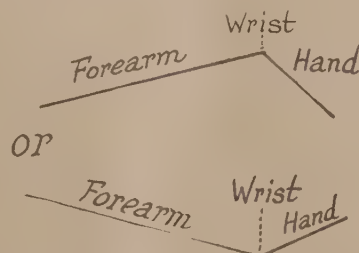
—EDMUND BURKE.

## Height of the Piano Stool

I have of late taken to sitting rather low at the piano, so that my elbows are level with the top of the keys. I find that since I have done so my tone has greatly improved, and that I play with an ease and fluency never experienced before. I do this when I practice at my own piano, but when I am called upon to play at various places on other pianos, the seats provided are considerably higher. This does not permit me to play with the same freedom as at home. Would you advise me to sit higher when I practice? R. W. S.

As a general principle, we may state that when one sits high at the piano the tone is more brilliant, and when one sits low it is more mellow and rich. The reason is that with a high seat the arms slant downwards, and the touch is consequently more direct and forceful; while with a low seat, the keys are rather pulled down, and the hammers are driven against the strings with less of a knife-like blow. Now, both of these effects should be at the command of the pianist, who needs the brilliant, fluent tone for quick passage work, and the rich, juicy tone for melodic expression. Hence most players compromise by sitting so that the top of the forearms and the back of the hand are normally in a horizontal line, from which vantage ground the wrist may be allowed to rise for passage work, while it may equally well be slightly depressed for melodic work.

My advice to you is to cultivate the position just described, since it avoids extremes and is most useful for all emergencies. The reason why your tone has improved with the low seat is probably because your wrist was thus loosened up. When the back of the hand and the top of the forearm are in a straight line, the wrist is most liable to stiffen; but if the wrist be either raised or lowered, thus



there is little chance of stiffness. So cultivate first and foremost a very loose wrist, and then accentuate this looseness by allowing the wrist to rise or fall within a limited radius, as occasion demands. I predict that by this means you will find your tone as good and your touch as fluent as with the abnormally low seat. And, by the way, in playing elsewhere than in your own studio, insist on a seat of the proper height, even if you are obliged to press into service a dining room chair!

## Pupils' Clubs

An important means for interesting young pupils is to form them into clubs, for the conduct of which they are given personal responsibility. A clever teacher, Miss Ethel Ruby Hood, of Newburyport, Mass., gives an interesting account of a system of clubs which she has worked out with signal success. She has at present four such clubs, each with ten members. These groups hold monthly meetings, and are conducted with due parliamentary formality. Miss Hood writes as follows:

"The city in which I live is very musically inclined. We have concerts during the winter season that bring to us such artists as Hempel, Alda and musicians from the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Our adult musical clubs are many, and the Choral Union is a valuable musical asset to the community.

"Incidentally, I might add that there seems to be a music teacher on every corner! However, I do not fear that the growing girls and boys here will be over-educated musically—far from it! However, I began to consider how far all these music lessons were meeting the social needs of the community. Were the children receiving due reward for their efforts, aside from the yearly recitals? I could not see that such recitals helped the little junior players very much, for they were generally accompanied by fear of failures, on account of lack of previous experience in playing outside of the music lesson.

"Accordingly, I organized four musical clubs for the junior boys and girls. Teachers of violin and other orchestral instruments gladly cooperated with me. These clubs worked wonders. In a very short time I noticed that playing was pleasantly anticipated by the small members. Rivalry to play well before each other acted as a great stimulus to practice for better results. Honorary credit was given for

memorizing. Concentration was gained immediately, and a purpose for better playing established. History of compositions was reviewed through youthful story-telling (occasionally I secured a reader for this work). The high school students were occasionally invited as guest players; and it is needless to say that as guest performers their best was none too good for the little folks to listen to.

"Parliamentary ruling is carried out by the officers of the clubs, elected annually. The president presides, assisted by vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The secretary's report is presented to me for criticism each month, and the treasurer's report generally includes a good-sized bank account, secured from regular club dues.

"A guest night is in order each year, when the four clubs unite and are assisted by professional talent. Musical games are played during the social hour; and I believe that I shall include ear training as a game this coming year."

## Advanced Piano Study

Miss H. M. L. writes that she has studied piano for seven years, and sends a list of music which she has taken up—a list that includes most of the standard materials. She is accustomed to memorize all of her pieces, and can devote an hour and a half daily to practice. She says further:

Practicing is really part of my life; and I feel that my practice periods should be utilized to improve myself in music. What do you think are my chances of becoming a really good player? You can see from my list just what I have studied. And now can you advise me as to what other studies to pursue for a more complete piano education?

I should have to hear you play, in order to form a just estimate of what your future career may be. But from your description, you evidently have an excellent background to work upon; and I can see no reason why you should not become a proficient player.

Here is a plan for utilizing your practice time:

1. General technic ..... 15 minutes
2. Etudes and the like ..... 30 minutes
3. New pieces ..... 30 minutes
4. Review pieces ..... 15 minutes

1 hour, 30 minutes

For the first item, a useful guide is James Francis Cooke's *Mastering the Scales and Arpeggios*.

As to the second item, splendid material may be found in Bach's works, which I notice are omitted from your list. Begin with the *Two-part Inventions*, and then proceed to the *Well-Tempered Clavichord*, on which it is said that Chopin was accustomed to practice for three weeks before playing at a concert. Bach may alternate with more specific studies: Moscheles' Op. 70, two books; then the études of Chopin, Liszt, Rubinstein, Scriabin, and others.

For pieces, I should alternate a classic with a modern composition. Watch the current concert programs, and nab the most attractive numbers.

You can broaden your general musical knowledge by a systematic course of reading on Musical History, Biography, Appreciation and Interpretation. For the last-named, I recommend two recently published books: *Principles of Expression*, by Christiani and *Basic Principles in Pianoforte Playing*, by Josef Lhévinne. There is no reason why you should not study Harmony by yourself with profit, from a book such as *Harmony for Beginners*, by Preston Ware Orem, or *The Student's Harmony*, by Orlando Mansfield.

## Cataloguing Music

I am trying to figure out some way of indexing my music so that I can find it at a moment's notice. Is there any system like the Library Decimal System used in libraries? If not, could you suggest a way? I don't care to file music by the author's name—but don't know just what way to proceed.

W. R. McK.

I do not know of any such system that has been formulated for cataloguing music—so am afraid that we shall have to invent one of our own. How about this scheme:

Have a number of pasteboard folders made, each with a capacity of say twenty pieces. A tag is pasted on the back of each, with the numbers which it contains: 1-20 for folder No. 1; 21-40 for folder No. 2; and so on. Each piece of music is numbered according to its place in the folder. A card index is also prepared, in which the piece is listed, together with its assigned number.

Now for classification. Suppose you have a library that contains piano pieces, songs, orchestral and choral scores. Piano pieces may be numbered from 1 to 999; songs from 1000 to 1999; orchestral scores, 2000 to 2999; and choral works, 3000 to 3999.



## THE ETERNAL STRUGGLE FOR RECOGNITION

It is rather easy to form the comfortable conclusion that men of genius do not have to fight for recognition. Camille Saint-Saëns, himself a master, had to fight long and hard, and against unfriendly criticism, as is shown in the following brief passage from his *Memoirs*:

"Young musicians often complain and not without reason, of the difficulties of their careers. It may, perhaps, be useful to remind them that their elders have not always had a bed of roses, and that too often they have to breast both wind and sea after spending their best years in port unable to make a start. These obstacles frequently are the result of the worst sort of malignity, when it is for the best interest of everyone—both of the theatres which rebuff them and the public which ignores them—that they may be permitted to set out under full sail.

"In 1864 one of the most brilliant of the reviews had the following comments to make on this subject: 'Our real duty—and it is a true kindness—is not to encourage them (beginners) but to discourage them. In art a vocation is everything, and a vocation needs no one, for God aids. What use is it to encourage them and their efforts when the public obstinately refuses to pay any attention to them? If an act is ordered from one of them, it fails to go. Two or three years later the same thing is tried again with the same result. . . . In the final analysis, where are these young composers of genius? Who are they and what are their names? Let them go to the orchestra and hear *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Oberon*, *Freischütz* and *Orpheus*. . . . We are doing something for them by placing such models before them.'

"The young composers who were thus politely invited to be seated included, among others, Bizet, Delibes, Massenet, and the writer of these lines."

"The rapid movement may carry the audience along by its spirit; but the slow piece with a soul is the one that touches the heart the more deeply."

## KNOW THE CLASSICS, SAYS RICHARD STRAUSS

JAMES HUNER quotes some effective passages from Richard Strauss in *Overtones*, in which the great German composer says:

"My father kept me very strictly to the old masters, in whose compositions I had a thorough grounding. You cannot appreciate Wagner and the moderns unless you pass through the grounding in the classics. Young composers bring me voluminous manuscripts for my opinion on their productions. In looking at them I find that they generally want to begin where Wagner left off. I say to all such: 'My good young man, go home and study the works of Bach, the symphonies of Haydn, of Mozart, of Beethoven; and when you have mastered these art-works, come to me again.' Without thoroughly understanding the significance of the development from Haydn, *via* Mozart and Beethoven to Wagner, these youngsters cannot appreciate at its proper worth the music of either Wagner or his predecessors. 'What an extraordinary thing for Richard Strauss to say,' these young men remark, but I only give them the advice gained by my own experience."

The father of Richard Strauss was a French horn player at Bayreuth under Richard Wagner, yet an ardent anti-Wagnerite. "Sometimes I think you no longer dislike my music, Herr Strauss," said Wagner to him one day, "you play it so beautifully." To which the grumpy horn-player replied, "That has nothing to do with it."

The Musical Scrap Book  
Anything and Everything, as Long as it is instructive and Interesting

Conducted by A. S. GARBETT

## THE GENEROUS PADEREWSKI

THE part played by Ignaz Paderewski in the renaissance of Poland comes under consideration in an article in *The World's Work* by Silas Bent. In the course of the article a revealing little incident is given which shows us why Paderewski, the greatest of his generation, was also a statesman of generous impulse. There is added interest in the story for Americans owing to another personality involved in the denouement:

"On one of Paderewski's early tours of the United States," we learn, "he played at San Jose, California, during Holy Week, which was a bad time for a concert. Two students at Leland Stanford University had arranged the affair, and had guaranteed a fee of \$2000 to the pianist. The box-office receipts were \$1600. In great mental anguish, the students told Paderewski's secretary that he must wait for part

of the fee—they could turn over at the time not more than \$1600, and the secretary passed the word along.

"The arrangement did not suit Paderewski at all. He directed that the two students should pay all their expenses from the fund on hand, including the rental of the hall, advertising, and so on; then deduct twenty per cent. of the gross receipts for themselves, and turn over the rest. On these terms Paderewski would call it quits. They were the only terms he would accept.

"One of these students was Herbert Hoover. And through his co-operation thousands of lives were saved in Poland."

Hoover worked his way through college. Through energy plus education he became rich, and was able later to be the saviour of famine-stricken, war-torn Europe including Poland. What part did the act of a generous musician play in his subsequent history and the history of the world?

## HANDEL, THE COMPOSER

How did Handel produce his multifarious gigantic works? Romain Rolland gives us the answer in his book, "A Musical Tour Through the Land of the Past," in which we learn that "He was like Berlioz: musical notation was too slow for him; he would have needed shorthand to follow his thought; at the beginning of his great choral compositions he wrote the motifs in full for all the parts; as he proceeded he would drop first one part and then another; finally he would retain only one voice, or he would even end up with the bass alone; he would pass at a stroke to the end of the composition which he had begun, postponing until later the completion of the whole, and on the morrow of finishing one piece he would begin another, sometimes working on two, if not three, simultaneously.

"He would never have had the patience of Gluck, who began, before writing, by going through each of his acts, and then the whole piece; which commonly cost him,"—so he told Corancez—"a year, and oftener than not a serious illness." Handel used to compose, an act before

he had learned how the piece continued, and sometimes before the librettist had time to write it.

"The urge to create was so tyrannical that it ended by isolating him from the rest of the world. 'He never allowed himself to be interrupted by any futile visit,' says Hawkins, 'and his impatience to be delivered of the ideas which continually flooded his mind kept him always shut up.' His brain was never idle; and whatever he might be doing he was no longer conscious of his surroundings. He had a habit of speaking so loudly that everybody learned what he was thinking. And what exaltation, what tears, as he wrote. He sobbed aloud when he was composing the aria *He Was Despised*.—'I have heard it said,' reports Shield, 'that when his servant took him his chocolate in the morning he was often surprised to see him weeping and wetting with his tears the paper on which he was writing.' With regard to the *Hallelujah Chorus* of the *Messiah* he himself cited the words of St. Paul: 'Whether I was in my body or out of my body as I wrote it I know not. God knows.'"

## A NOBLE DEATH!

VON Bülow's edged tongue is familiar to ETUDE readers by now; but here is a new example of this sarcastic virtuoso-conductor's disregard for the feelings of an operatic tenor (he was, we believe, the first to describe a tenor as "a disease!"), reported by Leopold Auer, in *My Long Life in Music*.

"A lack of consideration for individuals when it was a question of establishing the artistic truths of some great work was one of von Bülow's characteristic traits," writes Auer. "The Schnorr's, from the Dresden Royal Opera, husband and wife, had been engaged to sing the two leading

rôles in *Tristan* (at Munich). It was said that one day Mme. Schnorr received him alone. With some embarrassment she informed him that her husband was not feeling well, and could not rehearse that day, and that she feared, seeing that his health was endangered, that singing *Tristan* would prove too severe a strain for him. She added that if he insisted in wearing himself out in the part, he might fall dead on the stage. Whereupon von Bülow, with a few chilling words of regret, declared that he, himself, considered such a death worthy of an artist like Schnorr von Carsfeld!"

"Meanwhile the Cardinal Ippolito in whom all my best hopes were placed, being dead, I began to understand that the promises of this world are, for the

most part, vain phantoms, and that to confide in oneself, and become something of oneself and value is the best and safest course."—Michelangelo.

## "PINAFORE" SMITH

ADMIRERS of Gilbert & Sullivan's M. S. Pinafore will be interested in following brief extract from "W. S. Gilbert, His Life and Letters," by Sir Dark and Rowland Grey.

"The immediate success of 'Pinafore' was to some extent due to an admiral's topical joke. Just before it was produced, Disraeli had appointed W. Smith, head of the well-known firm of publishers, First Lord of the Admiralty. Mr. Smith was an admirable man of business and a high-minded politician, and he proved an excellent administrator, but there was something humorous about the British Navy being ruled by a man with absolutely no sea experience, and S. Gilbert worked the joke for all it was worth in his picture of the Right Honorable Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B., in song, *And Now I am the ruler of the Queen's Navvy*, remains the most popular number in the 'Pinafore' score. In a written soon after the production, Disraeli describes a house-party at Hatfield, the guests sang the chorus of 'M. S. Pinafore,' and he specifically to Mr. Smith as 'Pinafore Smith.'

Hatfield, it should be explained, was the palatial home of the Marquis of Salisbury, who afterwards succeeded Disraeli as the Premier of England.

"A perfect start is our first and best assurance of a perfect finish."

## JOHANN STRAUSS, "THE WIZARD KING"

THE veteran violinist and teacher Mischa Elman, Heifetz and many others have published a readable book, "My Life in Music," in which he tells us of his meeting Johann Strauss, composer of *Fledermaus* (*The Bat*), and many other works of undying charm, at Baden-Baden. Strauss was conducting open air concerts twice a week for three thousand francs performance, then a fabulous sum.

"Strauss told me that he himself was practically all he made conducting the orchestra at roulette and *trente et quarante*," says Auer. "This, however, did not prevent his being always in the best of spirits." Auer expresses his admiration of this conductor-composer, who shared with Mme. Schumann, Brahms, and other musicians then in Baden-Baden.

"No sooner did Strauss mount the stage (which was always amid acclamations) than he seemed to magnetize with his personality. When he took his violin and gave the signal to the orchestra with his bow, the auditorium was breathless. He conducted the first measures of every composition; he would suddenly seize his violin, and play against his chin, and while he played his audience away with him, leading with movements of the head, and time with his foot. After every concert came a great wave of applause. We conducted it the orchestra was inflexible; it would play with the subtle shading and the most delicate variations of rhythm; it discoursed music. Then only did I realize the genius which lay in these dances, marches and overtures, whose institution had been made by the hand of a master. Brahms never missed these afternoon concerts by Strauss."

Quite recently, Paul Whiteman's orchestra fascinated a sophisticated audience in New York, and today is king in Europe, even in France where Strauss once reigned supreme. One wonders how the methods of this American favorite of the day compare with those of his distinguished predecessor and what Brahms would have said about it!



# VALSE PIERRETTE

Contemporary dance style. A very pretty waltz movement, by a composer new to our pages. Grade 3½.

EDOUARD ST. PIERRE

Allegretto grazioso M.M. ♩ = 72

*p* *mp* *mf* *f* *cresc.* *f* *largo* *rall.* *D.C.*

*Ped. simile* *rit.* *a tempo* *Last time to Coda* *Coda* *molto espressivo* *a tempo* *rall.*



In rapid alternation of the hands,  
requiring absolute evenness in weight  
and in the duration of the tones.  
Grade 4. Allegro M. M. ♩ = 126

## IMPROMPTU BRILLANT

ARNOLDO SARTORI

*mf*

*a tempo*

*cresc.*

*poco rit.*

*mf*

*f*

*sf* Fine *p*

*a tempo*

*poco rit.*

*p*

*f*

*riten.*

*a tempo*

*mf*

*poco rit.*

*cresc.*

*f*

*risoluto*

*ritard.*



This musical score is for a piece titled "E ETUDE". It is written for piano and organ. The tempo is marked "a tempo" and the mood is "lusingando". The score is divided into two systems, each with a piano part on the left and an organ part on the right. The piano part features a variety of musical notations, including dynamics (p, mf, f), tempo markings (poco rit., riten., a tempo), and fingerings (1-5). The organ part is characterized by complex chordal textures and melodic lines. The score is written in a key with one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The page number is 99, and it is dated February 1925.

**System 1:**

- Piano Part:** Starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The melody is marked with fingerings 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. The organ part provides a harmonic accompaniment.
- Organ Part:** Features a series of chords and melodic fragments, with dynamics ranging from *p* to *mf*.

**System 2:**

- Piano Part:** Continues the melodic development. Dynamics include *mf* and *p*. Tempo markings include *poco rit.*, *riten.*, and *a tempo*.
- Organ Part:** Maintains the harmonic support, with dynamics like *mf* and *f*.

**System 3:**

- Piano Part:** Features a section marked *poco rit.* and *riten.*, followed by a return to *a tempo*. Dynamics include *p* and *f*.
- Organ Part:** Continues the harmonic texture, with dynamics like *mf* and *f*.

**System 4:**

- Piano Part:** Ends with a section marked *riten.* and *a tempo*. Dynamics include *f* and *mf*.
- Organ Part:** Concludes the piece with a final chord and a *D.C.* (Da Capo) marking.



A brilliant drawing-room piece affording excellent practice in octaves and in the *glissando*. This latter is best done by using the back of the third finger.

Grade 4.

## BALLERINA

## MAZURKA

CARL SCHMEIDL

Tempo di Mazurka M.M. ♩ = 126 -

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time, featuring a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of 16 measures, divided into two systems of eight measures each. The first system includes a 'Trio' section starting at measure 9. The score is marked with various dynamics including *f*, *ff*, *p*, and crescendos. It also includes performance instructions like *glissando* and *a tempo*. The piece concludes with a 'Fine' marking at measure 15.



# MARCH OF THE MANIKINS

quaint characteristic style, with harmonies somewhat odd. Play with steady rhythm, not too fast. Grade 3.

MONTAGUE EWING

Alla Marcia M.M.  $\text{♩} = 108$

The musical score for "March of the Manikins" is written for piano. It begins with a piano introduction marked "rit." and "p a tempo". The tempo is then set to "Alla Marcia M.M. ♩ = 108". The score is in 4/4 time and features a variety of musical notations, including notes, rests, and dynamic markings. The piece is characterized by its "quaint characteristic style" and "somewhat odd" harmonies. The score includes several systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The piece concludes with a "Fine" marking and a "D.C." (Da Capo) instruction.



## SPIRIT OF THE HOUR

SECONDO

WALLACE A. JOHNSON

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Tempo di Marcia M.M. = 116

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The musical score is written for two pianos (P1 and P2) in 3/4 time. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The tempo is marked 'Vivace M.M.' with a metronome marking of 126. The score is divided into several systems, each containing staves for both pianos. Dynamics include *f* (forte), *p* (piano), *ffz* (fortissimo), *ff* (fortissimo), *f dolce cantabile*, and *p dolce cantabile*. Articulation marks such as accents (^) and slurs are used throughout. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5. The score concludes with a 'Fine' marking and a 'cresc.' (crescendo) marking.



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PRIMO

The musical score is written for piano and consists of 16 systems of two staves each. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked 'Vivace M.M.  $\text{♩} = 126$ '. The piece is titled 'THE GAZELLE MAZURKA BRILLANTE' by 'RICH. KRENTZLIN, Op. 74'. The first system begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and includes fingerings (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) and accents. The second system introduces a piano (*p*) dynamic. The third system features a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The fourth system returns to piano (*p*). The fifth system includes a piano (*p*) dynamic and a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The sixth system features a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The seventh system includes a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic and a piano (*p*) dynamic. The eighth system features a piano (*p*) dynamic and a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The ninth system includes a piano (*p*) dynamic and a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The tenth system features a piano (*p*) dynamic and a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The eleventh system includes a piano (*p*) dynamic and a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The twelfth system features a piano (*p*) dynamic and a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The thirteenth system includes a piano (*p*) dynamic and a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The fourteenth system features a piano (*p*) dynamic and a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The fifteenth system includes a piano (*p*) dynamic and a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The sixteenth system features a piano (*p*) dynamic and a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The score includes various musical notations such as dynamics (*f*, *p*, *ff*, *cresc.*, *p dolce cantabile*), articulation (accents), and fingerings (1, 2, 3, 4, 5). It also includes a 'Fine' marking and a 'D.C.' (Da Capo) instruction at the end.



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*dolce*

*mf*

*pp sempre*

*poco rit.*

*a tempo*

*p tranquillo*

*p*

*cresc.*

*f*

*p*

*rit.*

*Fine*



A musical score for a piece titled 'THE ETUDE'. It consists of five systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and fingerings. Performance instructions include 'a tempo', 'p' (piano), 'cresc.' (crescendo), 'piu agitato', 'tranquillo', 'mf' (mezzo-forte), 'p' (piano), 'ff' (fortissimo), 'sf' (sforzando), 'poco rit.' (poco ritardando), and 'p D.C.' (piano Da Capo). The piece concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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Tempo di Valse M.M. ♩=144

A musical score for a piece titled 'DRIFTING WALTZ' by Walter Rolfe. It consists of three systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and fingerings. Performance instructions include 'mf la melodia cantabile', 'dim.' (diminuendo), 'Fine', 'cresc.' (crescendo), 'p' (piano), 'poco', 'a' (ad libitum), 'poco', 'ff' (fortissimo), and 'D.C.' (Da Capo). The piece concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.



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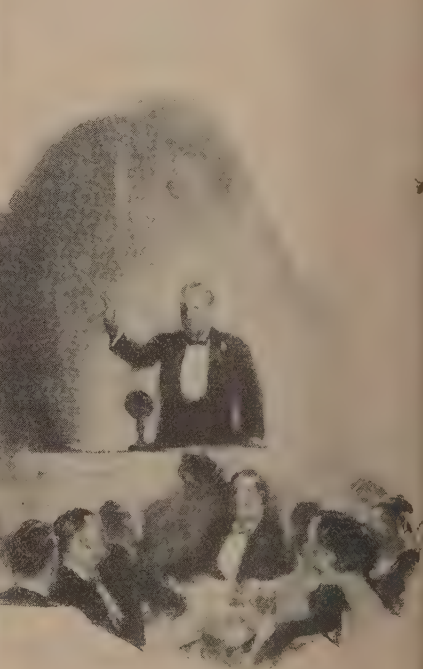
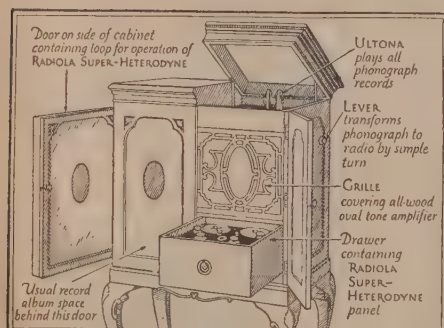
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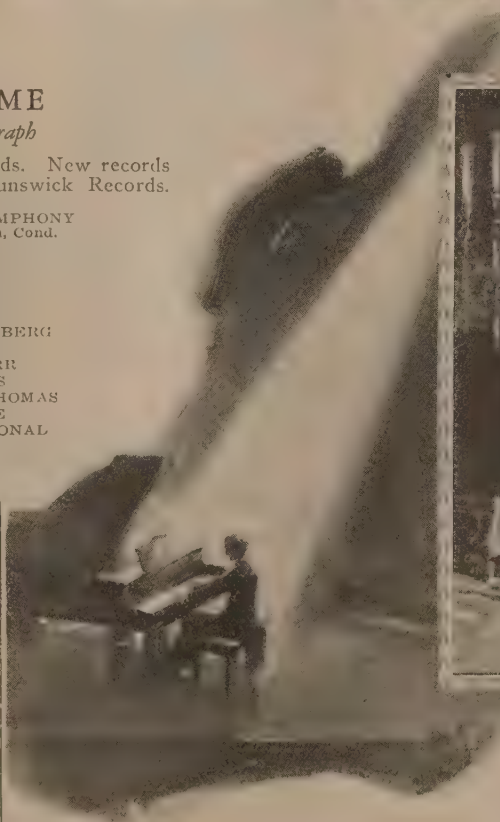
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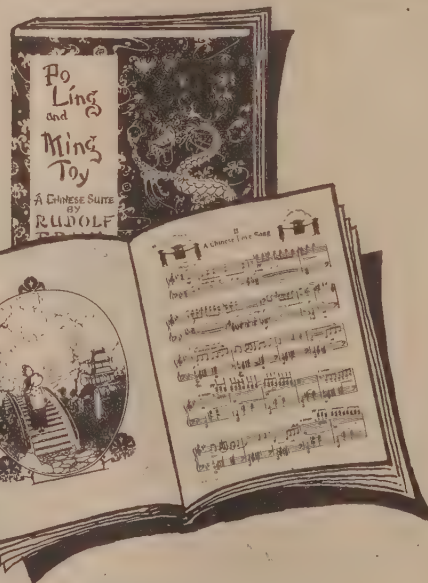
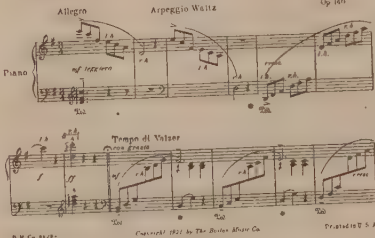
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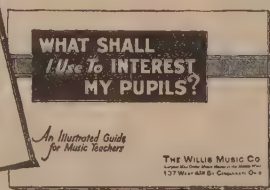
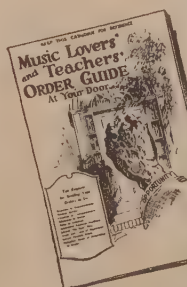
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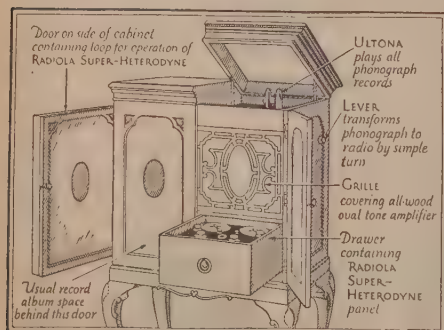
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*f con veemenza*

*p* *sf* *p dim.*

*sf* *p dim.* *p espress.*

*na - da, A - dios Gra - na - da.*

*pp e leggero p espre*

*quasi staccati*

*e leggero pp*

*mf*

*Cantabile p dolce*

*p* *rall.* *ppp*



accél. e cresc. molto

*f*

a tempo ma pesante

*mp rall. e dim. p*

*pp riten.*

*ff assex vite*



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*p* *mf* *cresc.*

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Prepare { Sw. = Diaps.  
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Sw. Add 4' Flute

*Fine*

*Poco piu mosso*

*mf* Add Sw. Oboe & 4

*cresc.* *rit.*

Gt. *mf* to Gt.

Add Gt. Diaps. & Full Sw.

*f* *atempo* *rall.*

Reduce Gt. & Sw. *mf*

*mf* Tempo I.



*Poco agitato*  
Sw. to Oboe

Gt. Small Open Diap.  
to Sw.

*cresc.*

*f*

Ch. 8 4  
& 2' uncoupled.  
to Sw.

*rall.*

*D.S. al Fine*

Sw.

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*Quite fast*

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Piano

*f*

*ff*

*ritard.*

*poco rall.*

Pizz.  
l.h.



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# FLING WIDE THE GATES

SACRED SONG FOR PALM SUNDAY  
AND GENERAL USE

HARRY ROWE SHELLEY

**Allegro**

**Moderato**

A throng from out the vil-lage, Car-ry-ing harps, and sing-ing praises,

Went forth to meet the Lord; Cry-ing out and say-ing, "Ho-san-na in the high-est!"

With wav-ing palms and branch-es, On-ward they marched with ea-ger foot-steps,

cry-ing a-loud, "Ho-san-na to the Son of Da-vid: Bles-sed is He that com-eth in the name of the"

**marcato**

**cresc.**

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Lord! Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, look toward the East, and be - hold, and be

hold: Lift up thine eyes, O Je - ru - sa - lem, And be - hold the pow'r of thy King.

Fling wide the gates; fling wide the gates; For the Sav - iour waits To

tread, to tread in His roy - al way; He has come from a -

bove, with pow'r and with love, To reign, to reign, to reign, to reign

reign, to reign on this fes - tal day.

*rit.* *a tempo*  
*colla voce* *pa tempo*  
*f* *p* *cresc.* *f* *mf* *dolciss* *cresc.* *rall.* *a tempo* *ff* *rall.* *a tempo*



## I'VE BEEN ROAMING

OLD ENGLISH

From *Celebrated Recital Songs*, compiled and edited by David Bispham.

With animation

CHARLES E. HORN

Edited by DAVID BISPHAM

*p* She sings as she come up from the meadow to

*f* I've been roam-ing, *p* I've been roam-ing, Where the mead-ow dew is sweet, *mf* And I'm com-ing, and I'm coming, With its

the house *p* *f* *p* *slightly slower*

pearls up-on my feet; *p* I've been roam-ing, *mf* I've been roam-ing, Where the mead-ow dew is sweet, And I'm

com-ing, and I'm com-ing, With its pearls up-on my feet. *mf* I've been

*very smoothly* roam-ing, *p* I've been roam-ing, O'er the rose and lil-y fair, *mf* And I'm com-ing, and I'm com-ing, With their

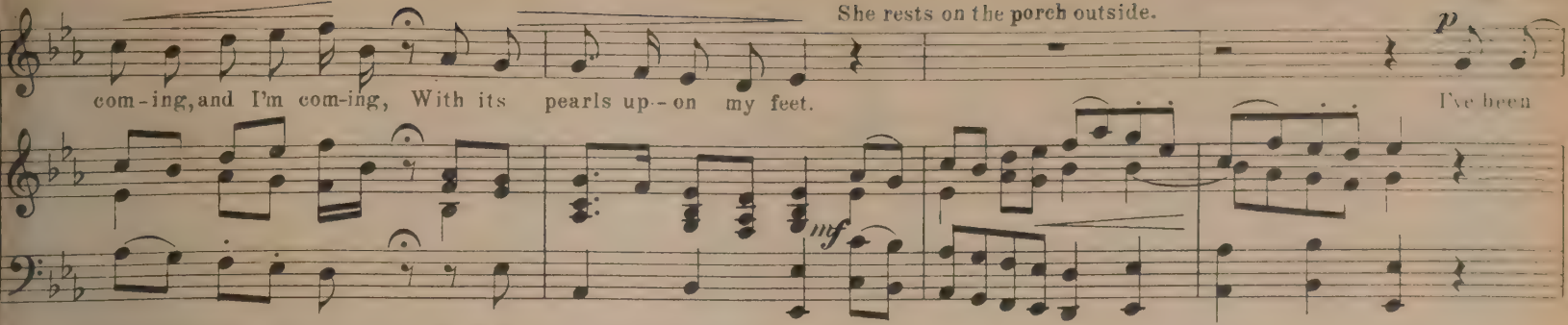
*slight ritard* blos-soms in my hair; *mf* I've been roam-ing, *mf* I've been roam-ing, Where the mead-ow dew is sweet, And I'm

*with the voice*



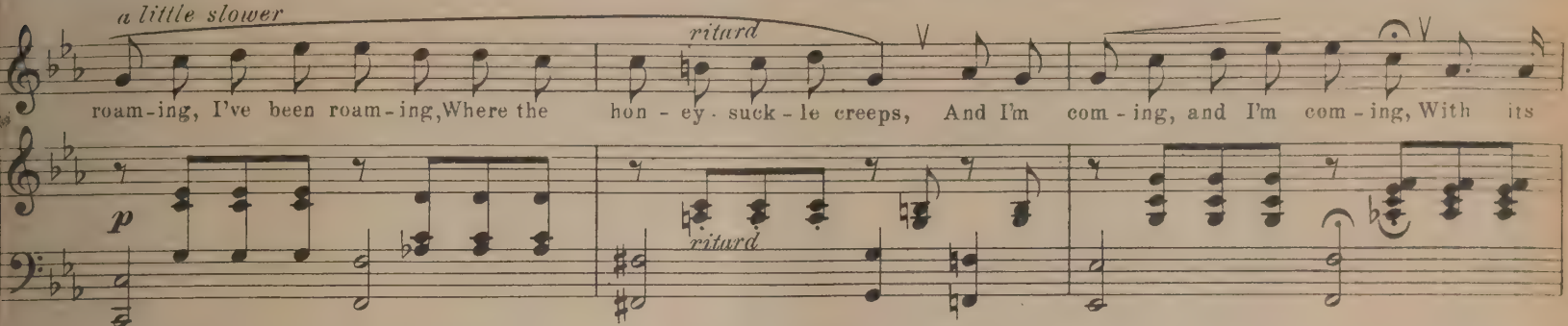
She rests on the porch outside.

com-ing, and I'm com-ing, With its pearls up-on my feet. I've been



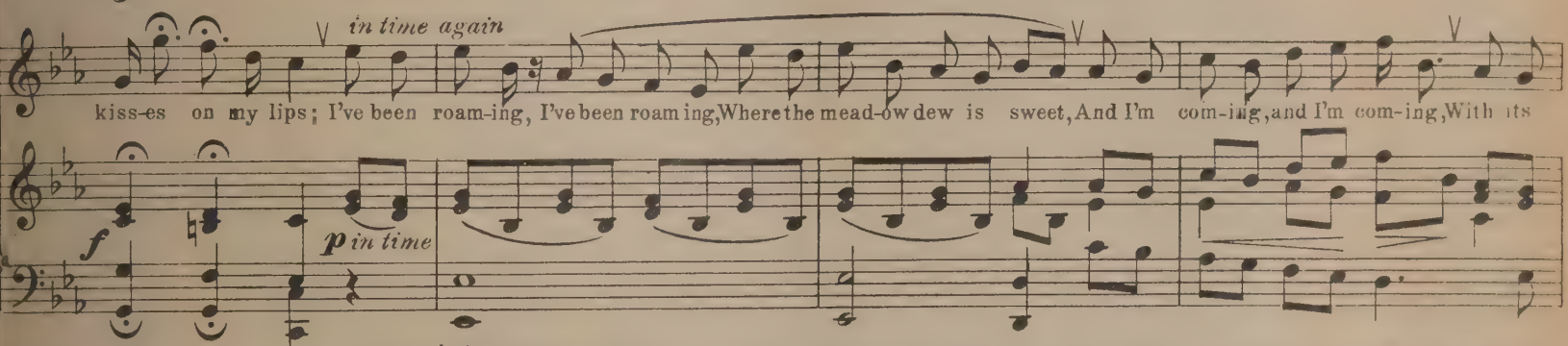
*a little slower*  
roam-ing, I've been roam-ing, Where the hon-ey-suck-le creeps, And I'm com-ing, and I'm com-ing, With its

*ritard*

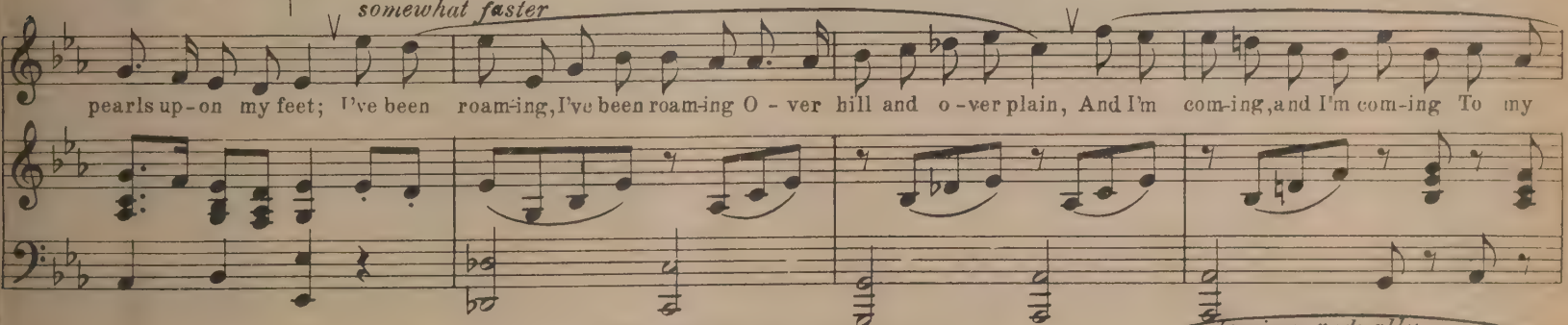


*in time again*  
kiss-es on my lips; I've been roam-ing, I've been roam-ing, Where the mead-ow dew is sweet, And I'm com-ing, and I'm com-ing, With its

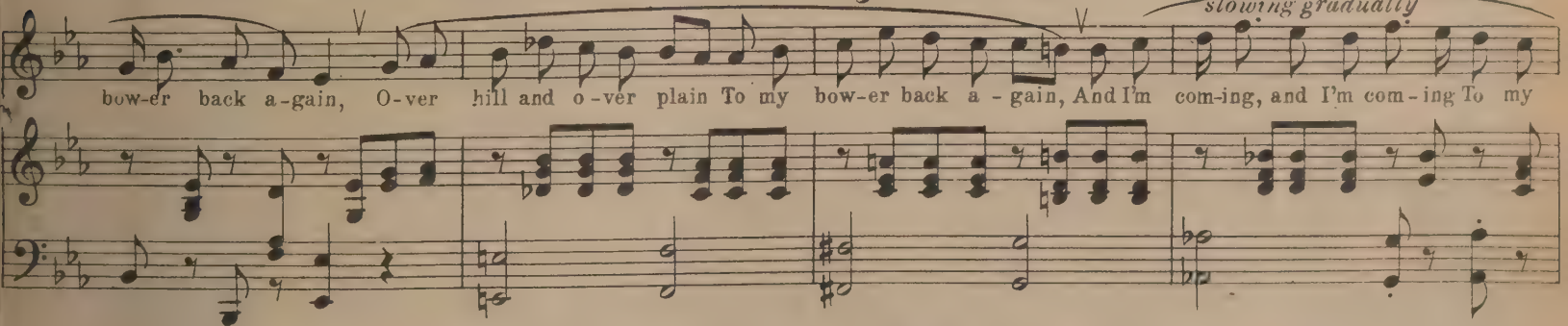
*p in time*



*somewhat faster*  
pearls up-on my feet; I've been roam-ing, I've been roam-ing O-ver hill and o-ver plain, And I'm com-ing, and I'm com-ing To my



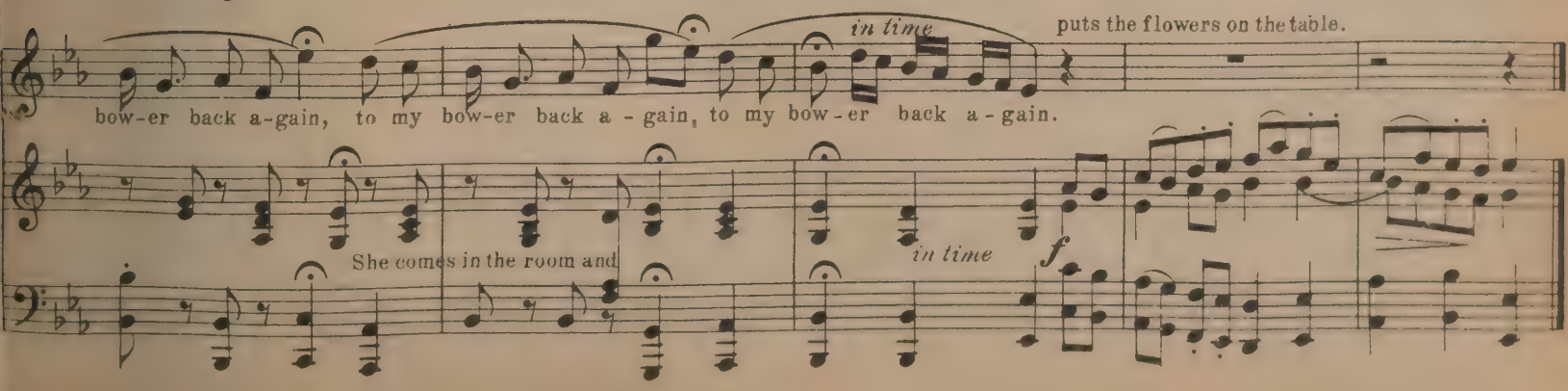
*slowing gradually*  
bow-er back a-gain, O-ver hill and o-ver plain To my bow-er back a-gain, And I'm com-ing, and I'm com-ing To my



*in time*  
bow-er back a-gain, to my bow-er back a-gain, to my bow-er back a-gain.

She comes in the room and

*in time*





## GREEN AND SILENT VALLEY

\*TA-WA-SEN-THA

JESSE G. M. GLICK

IRVING M. WILSON

Andante

In the green and si-lent val-ley, where the cool-ing brook-lets—

*p dolce espress.* *pp* *mf*

play The thrush in rap-ture is weav-ing its song with the fad-ing day.— Come, love, ere the stars are

*mf*

gleam-ing their light thru the milk-y way,— Oh! come thru the pur-ple twilight, where the wil-lows weep and

*p*

sway.— In your birch ca-noe come sail-ing, \*\*Wah-Wah-

*mf dolce espress.* *pp*

Tay-see, fire-fly,— Wish of my heart be pre-vail-ing, Oh hear now thy lover's cry. In the green and si-lent

*f* *dolciss.* *mf*

val-ley, may your light soon shine on— me,— Oh! come to my lone-ly tee-pee,— A-lone here I wait for thee.—

*p espress.* *dolciss.* *pp* *ppp*

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THE present tendency of vocal teachers is to dispense largely with the "physiological school" of instruction and to depend more and more on what are now recognized as the *bel canto* methods of the golden age. These methods may be summed up in a few phrases: imitation of the teacher's correctly produced tone; dependence upon the emotional and intellectual content of songs—this is, upon the singing of words, phrases and sentences, rather than isolated "dark" or "bright" sounds; and the development of a consciousness of the correct sensation of tones sung to all the vowels throughout the singing range.

And it is with this last conception that the trouble begins. For, even granted that the student has produced a tone as correctly as has the teacher, the *sound* of it is altogether different to him.

For the higher voices this problem is usually not so difficult; the student is already acquainted with the sensations of the middle voice in his daily speech. But the contralto, the baritone, and the bass frequently have no such background. These voices may be used in speech almost exclusively in the chest voice; even emotion or excitement may not cause natural, easy higher tones, especially in phlegmatic persons; and even when such tones are produced they may not be remembered clearly enough to aid in singing.

#### Imitating the Tone

Consequently the procedure is something like this: The teacher sings a tone and asks the student to imitate it. The student responds with a tone forced into pitch by means of the extrinsic muscles of the throat and tongue. The teacher says, "Don't *force* the tone; singing is easy; play the tone on the nose." And, unfortunately, no teacher can be more explicit. He can repeat all the truisms of the *bel canto* school; he can say, "Sing on the breath; sing forward; open the mouth." But—and here we have the whole dilemma—he cannot make those phrases convey definite meanings to a student who has not yet experienced the sensations involved.

Now the student tries again and again to reproduce the tones as he is guided by the teacher; he must impress on his memory the *sensations* of his voice as the teacher pronounces, "That is better; That is correct." And by patient repetition he gradually loses his fear of unfamiliar pitches, remembers preceding sensations, and can reproduce them finally at will.

This fairly typical routine in vocal study places emphasis where it must be placed if the student is to be rendered eventually independent of a coach. For his unaccustomed ears tell him that his highest tones are too heavy in nasal resonance, too thin, too far away. He is like the swimmer in unfamiliar water, who cannot let himself go and take a bold stroke forward; and like the swimmer, he compensates by unnecessary muscular tension.

#### Cutting Half the Time

If one could from the first hear his own voice as it sounds to other people, as his teacher's voice sounds to him, he could escape many wearisome hours spent in following up blind clues, false preconceived impressions, and even impressions misconceived during the lessons themselves. In fact, one could thus probably cut in half the time required to "feel" the voice habitually where it should be focused.

Following are a few aids toward securing this co-ordination between the ear and the vocal apparatus.

First is a method sometimes employed by the old Italian school. Students were sent out to a high cliff, or other natural sound reflector, where they sang a few notes, and then listened for imperfections in the echo. Any one who tries this for the first time will be amazed at the difference between what the echo gives back, and what he has previously conceived to be the sound of his voice.

If this drill is systematized, it will be found helpful in several ways. It gives the power to analyze the two parts of the singing process, singing and hearing, so that hearing can be concentrated on exclusively, an obvious psychological advantage. Usually not more than two or three notes can be sung before the echo returns. And any haste to sing as much as possible in a limited time is as detrimental here as elsewhere. How, then, shall one practice to get the most benefit from the drill?

Since the problem concerns chiefly the upper half of the voice, singing intervals up the scale will provide the most important exercise. An interval is the briefest possible phrase, and lifts one easily from chest to medium, from medium to head voice. At first perhaps

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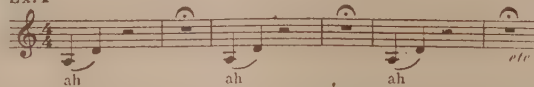
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### Hearing Oneself Sing

By F. D. Moore

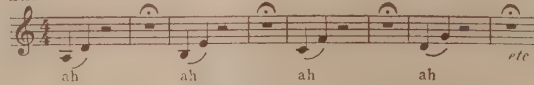
the exercise might take such a form as would lead to a self-conscious change of register. This will necessitate fairly large intervals, repeated several times on the same pitch. Since the fourth is easily recognizable, and is for that reason easily sung, we shall start thus (The bass and baritone will sing an octave lower; the higher voices will probably transpose a second or a third upward):

Ex. 1



This first exercise may be followed by the same interval carried one degree at a time upward to the limit of the voice, thus:

Ex. 2



These two exercises will be found ample to fulfill their purpose. If the interval sung is varied to a fifth, a sixth, and an octave, the necessary variety will have been secured.

#### Resonance Cavities

In addition to the quality of tone as regulated by the resonance cavities, one should listen to the beginning and the end of the tone. The accuracy of the first impulse determines whether the tone is musical or not, that is, free from interference. The letting-go of the tone determines much of the value of the interpretation. The child first learning to write leaves a splash of ink and a dig in the paper at each life of the pen, as if to say, "See, I have finished that one." So the singer is likely to "end" his tone with a contraction of the throat muscles. These suggestions will point to the solution of any number of individual problems through this objectified hearing.

This is all very well, the reader will protest, for those who have at their call a clear echo! But unless the student is living in a very large city, he will find in the course of his daily five or six-mile walk some surface that will provide the sound-reflector. Many large buildings with unbroken walls are quite as satisfactory as the romantic and traditional cliff. One may even use the interior of a building; many long, narrow, and preferably high-ceilinged rooms are excellent reflectors.

#### Singing in a Small Room

The following suggestions are intended for those who have no access to any of the aids mentioned above.

A surprising gain in objective hearing of one's own voice may be made by singing in a very small room, preferably with plastered walls. The very closeness of the walls allows the actual sound to outweigh the subjective sensation of it. Of course, here there is no way of hearing the voice apart from the inner sensations; but one may learn much more readily to distinguish between the two. In fact, daughter will probably hear herself more as others hear her in the small modern kitchen, than she will in the ordinary-sized living-room.

Incidentally, every one who is to sing for the first time in an unfamiliar room should, if possible, try out the acoustic properties in advance. There is nothing more likely to unnerve the young student than to find his voice escaping quite away from him, and he is liable to compensate by forcing his tones to a point where they *seem* to approximate their usual effect on his own hearing. Here the advice of the teacher or of some adequately equipped friend is almost indispensable.

Finally, there is a method which, so far as the writer knows, has never been advocated in print. It is only a temporary device, and most students will want to try it out the first time in private; for it has certainly no elegance to commend it! Stand in the usual erect position, but cup the hands behind the ears in such a way that hands and ears form larger ears, standing about perpendicular to the side of the head. In this way the sound waves coming from the lips are enormously reinforced, so that they quite obscure the subjective sensation of hearing.

This manner of hearing has one consequence that should be understood, or the purpose of the whole experiment is likely to be defeated. The "edge" of the voice will be far more prominent than usual, as prominent as if someone else were to sing within five or six inches of your ear. But if allowance is made for this effect, the attention can be easily directed to the proper resonance-forms.

#### When it is Easier to Sing

Nearly every one has noticed that it is easiest to sing when there is some outside noise to obscure the "machinery" of tone production. It is easier to sing with accompaniment than alone; it is easy to sing while one is drawing water for the morning plunge; it is easy to sing when a train or a noisy truck is passing by. Why is this? Simply that the attention is shifted away from the mechanism of singing and the voice is free to respond the way the speaking voice does, unconsciously, in conversation.

Holding the hands cupped about the ears as described above leaves the voice surprisingly free. This is due to two causes. First, attention is centered more easily on the song, rather than the singing. Second, the raising of the shoulders removes unsuspected tension of the neck muscles. To discover that this is often considerably one has only to raise the comfortably bent arms outward and upward. This position seems to give an automatic adjustment for the high tones that often is not discovered otherwise without months of tedious trying.

Standing thus, one may experiment with the exercises given in the first part of this article. As proof of the pudding, start in with the second exercise, moving intervals of a fourth upward from a comfortable low note. Do not pitch your voice by the piano, but carry the tones as high as you can sing them without strain. The chances are you will be surprised to find you have gone a tone above your usual range.

### Is Music a Language?

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"You give the various numbers of the book such titles as 'I think of Thee,' 'Melancholy,' 'The Praise of God,' 'A Merry Hunt.' I can scarcely say whether I thought of these or other things while composing the music. Another might find 'I Think of Thee' where you find 'Melancholy,' and a real huntsman might consider 'Merry Hunt' a veritable 'Praise of God.' But this is not because, as you think, music is vague. On the contrary I believe that musical expression is altogether too definite that it reaches regions and dwells in them whither words cannot follow it and must necessarily go lame when they make the attempt as you would have them do."

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## Distinct Enunciation

By K. Hackett

There is no department of the art of singing in which our American singers are more open to criticism than in enunciation. Its elements have contributed to cause them to lag behind in this respect; but they must brace up and conquer the difficulty. "Telling the story" with such distinct enunciation as makes the words understandable to the audience is becoming a matter of more importance every day. The singer is beginning to insist on good English—that they shall know what "the song is about."

The main difficulty is that young singers are too much concerned with the standpoint of the word, quite overlooking the fact that they are not to speak but to sing them. Distinct enunciation in singing must be based upon the singing tone.

The difference between speech and song is this; in speech the tone is not sustained upon a definite pitch, while song is precisely this—the sustaining of the tone upon a definite pitch. In speech you change the tone wherever it is most convenient, whereas in song you must sustain the tone with ease and grace upon a steady pitch determined by the com-

position of the tone be so freely produced that it is musical beauty there is sense in learning to form it into a word, since if you do it will have charm. If you do it the other way round and in your effort for distinct enunciation do something that interferes with the beauty of the tone, you have destroyed the essential for singing.

The matter of physical fact the tone is first, since a pure tone is the result of a freedom of production as enables one to concentrate in the resonance of the front of the face. The elements of enunciation are the lips, the tip of the tongue—if you say words trippingly you will find it to be so. The more freely the tone is made, the farther forward it concentrates, the more easily the enunciation organs can do words.

In speech our enunciation is often defective and our pronunciation slovenly. If we desire to do public speaking you will find that you must take great care over matters, if the audience is to understand what you say. The singing voice has a much finer adjustment than speaking voice, since tones of musical

beauty must be sustained throughout the entire range; and to mold these tones into distinct words demands great technical skill.

No matter what the language is in which you sing, the thing that you sing is the vowel; the only thing you can "sing" is a vowel. The consonants form what may be called the bone structure of the words and most of them from their nature cannot be sustained. A few, such as *l, m, n,* and *s* can be sustained, but this is not called "singing." To sustain *m*, for example, is the same as humming with the lips closed. The moment you open the lips and sing a tone you find that it is a vowel.

In the desire for distinct enunciation young singers do things which interfere with the freedom of the throat. The only result of this is a poor quality of tone without the slightest benefit to the enunciation. Clarity of enunciation is made possible by such freedom of tone production as concentrates the tone at the front of the mouth where the enunciation organs can get hold of it. The throat must be open, the jaw loose, the tongue and lips elastic, so that they can function freely. If there comes tension into any of these parts it hurts the tone.

If you make a poor quality of tone nobody cares whether you enunciate distinctly or not, since they say that, "it is no good anyway." If you make a tone of musical beauty it must be freely poised, because it is impossible to produce a fine tone with the vocal organ stiff and inelastic. Then if you have skill enough to maintain freedom of the tone production you can learn to enunciate distinctly by putting your mind to it.

This depends upon the mobility of the enunciation organs—the lips, the teeth and the tip of the tongue. The only way to tell whether or not you are "telling the story" clearly is to sing for people and ask them if they understand. If they do not it is because you are not using the lips, teeth and tongue with sufficient elasticity. You must maintain the beauty of the tone, or everything goes for naught. But if you cannot make the words understandable you are under a severe handicap. Intelligent application will remedy this defect, but it is not so easy as it sounds.

Brains are what count here as in every other department of art and life.

## Singing for Health

By Edward Podolsky

Measures are nowadays advocated for regaining and preserving health. Makers of toothpaste and toothbrushes would have us believe that toothbrushing is a paramount means of keeping healthy. Then we have the physical culturists who recommend vigorous exercise, and the dietitians who advise moderation. Is it not rather interesting to find that most of the advertisements in the subway trains have something to do with keeping you healthy: tonics, pills, glandular extracts? There may be something in some of them, but why go to so much trouble and expense when you can keep healthy in a very natural and at the same time very pleasant way? What I mean is: Why not sing and be healthy? And what normal person does not like to sing?

We are all familiar with the bald-headed man who offers the gentleman whose hair is thinning a tonic to rehair his head. This is decidedly not a very con-

vincing testimonial for the hair tonic. Yet I cannot recall a singer who was not a very convincing voucher that singing keeps one in fine trim. Caruso, I recall, was not a puny, weak, anaemic sort of chap. Neither are McCormack, Scotti, and others of the professional singers. What about the prima donnas!

The first observation of the healthful effects of singing were noticed by the French composer and musician, A. E. M. Gretry (1741-1813). "I placed," he said, "three fingers of my right hand on the artery of my left arm, or any other artery in my whole body, and sang to myself an air, the tempo of which was in accordance with the action of my pulse; sometime afterward I sang with great ardor an air in a different tempo, when I distinctly felt my pulse quickening or slackening its action to accommodate itself by degrees to the tempo of the new air." Modern physiologists have established the fact that singing has a very beneficial action on the

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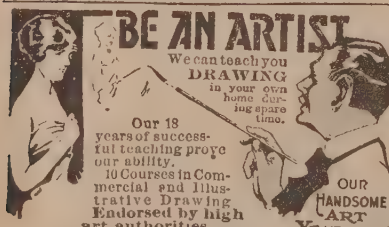
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ercise to attain the same ends. Setting  
up exercises are essentially for the purpose  
of getting the blood in action. Very few  
people seem to care for a daily dozen pre-  
scribed set of vigorous motions. Why  
not, then, sing a lively tune, a song with  
lots of "pep" and "go."

And yet that is not all, for singing has  
also a marked influence on respiration. It  
undoubtedly strengthens the throat and  
lungs. By a purely mechanical process it  
expands the chest, puts an end to any  
vicious habit of breathing through the  
open mouth, instead of the nose. It is a  
well-known fact that pulmonary and chest  
complaints, as well as catarrh, are rare  
among singers. Indeed, I have known  
some physicians to say that singing not  
only prevents chest complaints, but that it  
also may actually be used as a curative  
measure against them.

The digestion also comes in for its  
share. In 1881, Dr. Walter H. Walshe, of  
London, wrote a treatise, "Dramatic Sing-  
ing Physiologically Estimated," wherein he  
asserts that singing is of marked benefit in  
jaundice, liver complaints, and indigestion.  
It aids in extracting the nutritive elements  
of food, and facilitates digestion. This  
is easily explained by the fact that sing-  
ing involves deep breathing, and deep  
breathing leads to considerable oxidation

of body tissues which occasions hunger  
and increases the appetite. What more  
natural way is there? What need is there  
for tonics and pills when a good song  
will do? Teachers of singing have always  
noticed that the appetite and digestion of  
children being trained to sing are always  
superior to non-singers. The trainers of  
choir boys, when questioned as to the dig-  
estive prowess of their young charges,  
always make such statements as: "Singing  
always makes boys hungry"; "Singing is  
certainly appetizing"; and the late Pro-  
fessor Philip Armes, of Durham, Eng-  
land, said that his boys have "the appet-  
ites of horses and the digestions of  
ostriches." We have here a sort of double  
action, the mechanical exercise of the  
muscles of the abdomen, throwing back  
of the head, and deep inspiration, while  
the increased amount of oxygen absorbed  
improves the blood.

Several years devoted to a study of the  
influence of music on the human body  
have led to the conviction that the influ-  
ence of music is very profound. Not  
everybody can play an instrument or go to  
concerts to get the benefits of music; but  
everybody can sing, at least to his own  
satisfaction. Music is as necessary in our  
daily scheme of things as eating or sleep-  
ing. A certain period each day, say fif-  
teen minutes, should be set aside for sing-  
ing. The results will not be long in ma-  
terializing. The reward will be a gen-  
eral good feeling and a supreme satisfac-  
tion with life. Begin now!

## Accompaniment Playing

By Annie Patterson, Mus. Doc.

It is curious how little attention is paid,  
even by good teachers of the pianoforte,  
to accompaniment-playing. It is one of  
those things often taken for granted; a  
fair performer is supposed to be able to  
read an ordinary accompaniment at sight.

Now this is what a fair performer, and,  
indeed, a really brilliant solo player, often  
does very badly. The reason is that execu-  
tants, as a rule, are concerned rather in the  
perfecting of particular pieces than in the  
continual "trying over" of all that may  
come in their way. Another reason may  
be that the soloist (instrumental) develops  
a kind of egoism as an exponent; he does  
not care to play "second fiddle" to any  
other artist. Experience in "accompany-  
ing," and the art of filling in a background  
rather than taking the leading part, are,  
therefore, two qualifications which we in-  
variably find in those musicians who are  
most successful in this particular branch of  
musical efficiency.

It is a mistake to think that this subordi-  
nary rôle is an inferior one. Just as it  
takes a good artist to sing an inner part  
correctly, many desirable musical qualities  
and acquirements go to make up the com-  
plete accompanist. First one needs a quick  
eye and ear, in taking in time and key-  
signatures, when asked to read a selection  
at sight. This observation of detail can,  
it is true, be cultivated. The ability to  
grasp the general features of a composition  
at a cursory look-over certainly comes with  
careful and continual practice.

But, even if an accompaniment be played  
through with absolute accuracy, one is  
confronted with another difficulty. Singers  
are notorious for taking liberties with a  
musical text; it would appear that, in the  
majority of cases, the indication *tempo*  
*rubato* (literally "robbed time") was  
specially invented for them. Thus even  
the best artists have been known to say to  
an accompanist: "Keep with me here," "I  
generally hurry the pace there," and so on.  
It is not unusual, to find that in moments of  
excitement a singer will jump a measure  
or two, or else substitute a slightly varied  
measure that may occur in the song later

on. For these emergencies the one who  
accompanies must always be ready. It  
means watching the headline all through.  
That there is an art in this none will deny.  
Other singers, on the contrary, like to be  
helped out, and often led. It is a case  
of temperament and training very often.  
Emotion and control must always be taken  
into account. A good accompanist can,  
however, help very greatly without being  
too assertive. No one likes to hear the  
pianoforte too prominently in a vocal solo.  
At the same time its sympathetic support is  
gladly welcomed by the singer.

Perhaps we can gather from the above  
that adaptability and sympathy are very  
desirable qualifications in an accompanist.  
Possessed of these, if theoretical knowledge  
of music is sound and talent is fair as an  
executant, the main desideratum for be-  
coming a real aid in concerted work of all  
kinds is to have plenty of practice at it.  
The acquaintance of singers, violinists,  
and other soloists should be cultivated.  
When a student can either play accom-  
paniments at a choral society's re-  
hearsals, or, later, qualify for the  
position of Church organist, very valuable  
experience will be gained at the so-called  
"filling-in" process. Teachers with a large  
connection might well add accompaniment-  
playing to their courses of study. The art  
is all too little cultivated in schools and  
colleges. It should always be easy to  
arrange an Accompaniment Class at which  
each member might take a turn in playing  
"at sight" for another's sole performances.

A knowledge of harmony and form gen-  
erally will help the student in this branch.  
For, before tackling an unknown composi-  
tion, it is very advisable to get more than  
the time, key and speed into one's head. It  
is well to look through all in advance, not-  
ing any unexpected modulatory or rhythmic  
changes that may occur in the course of the  
piece, also taking advance note of harmonic  
sequences and combinations of all kinds.  
These matters are part of the good accom-  
panist's work, and they certainly demand a  
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merely able to render or read the tune.

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### Flotow's "Martha"

difficult to understand how a com-  
pable of writing such an extremely  
and fluent work as "Martha,"  
ve to the hale and hearty age of  
one, work industriously all his life,  
some thirty works for the stage,  
leave only one really significant  
unless we except his other opera,  
lla," now heard but rarely.  
rich Freiherr von Flotow was born  
endorf, Mecklenburg, April 27,  
and died at Darmstadt, January 24,  
His father was a landed nobleman  
Arch-Duchy of Mecklenburg. In  
was sent to Paris where he studied  
tion under the famous Reicha. His  
eras were produced in fragments at  
ate houses of the French aristoc-  
"Stradella" was among these. His  
was conspicuous and his social pres-  
able him to gain recognition rap-  
his was doubtless a fatal element  
career of a very gifted young  
Had he been obliged to struggle,  
little doubt that he might have at-  
far greater heights. In 1844 he re-  
is one-act "Stradella," making it a  
era; and the work was given in  
rg, where it created something of  
ion. In 1847 he brought out "Mar-  
Vienna. Its success was immediate  
eat. The revolution of 1848 drove  
ck to Paris; and the remainder of  
was spent between "The City of  
and Germany and Austria. For a  
was court intendant of music at  
in. Several of his operas were  
by the public with favor; and he  
arded as one of the great opera  
ers of his day. His fame was as-  
ed as his existence was com-

fortable. "Martha," and "Martha" alone,  
remains as a token of the great applause  
that once came to his ears at the Paris  
Grand Opéra and at the Opéra Comique.  
"Martha" was slow in making its way  
to the world's music centers. It was not  
until 1858, eleven years after its premiere,  
that it was first given in London, at Co-  
vent Garden, in Italian. Seven years later  
it reached the Théâtre Lyrique in Paris.  
It was, however, given in New York, at  
Niblo's Garden, in 1852, with Mme. Anna  
Bishop as Martha. The title rôle has been  
a favorite with the great prima donnas of  
every decade since its first successes.  
Patti, Gerster, Kellogg, Nilsson, Sem-  
brich, Galli-Curci, all have made it the  
medium of some of their greatest suc-  
cesses.  
Much of the success of the work is due  
to the fine effect secured by the masterly  
interpolation of "The Last Rose of Sum-  
mer," Tom Moore's lovely poem set to the  
equally lovely old Irish tune, "The Groves  
of Blarney."  
"Martha," despite the composer's Ger-  
man birth and its premiere in Vienna, is  
usually classed as a French opera, as much  
of the composer's technic is distinctly  
French. Pity it is, that he did not have  
better libretti and that he did not try to  
remove traces of shallow and amateurish  
workmanship from his other works. "Mar-  
tha" is unquestionably one of the great  
masterpieces of the lyric theater. It acts  
well, sings well and affords the singers ex-  
ceptional opportunities from beginning to  
end. It has spontaneity and a kind of  
vernal character, which, despite some quaint  
and old-fashioned musical idioms, make it  
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I. Scene I—A Room in Lady Harriet's Mansion. Lady Harriet, maid-of-honor  
to Anne, wearies of the monotony of court life. Tristan, her cousin, and some-  
times a dandy, tries to amuse her. Hearing the song of servant maids on their way  
to Richmond Fair, Lady Harriet, in spite of protests of Tristan and Nancy, hurries  
off to the Fair, disguised as servant maids and farmer.  
II—The Richmond Fair. Plunkett and his adopted brother, Lionel, enter.  
Lionel wears a ring given him by his dying father to be shown to the Queen in event  
of illness. Attracted by the disguised ladies, the two young farmers bargain with  
the ladies pursuing their madcap tricks, accept the offered money, which  
leads to a year of service. Tristan, disgusted by the "bad taste" of the affair,  
and is hooted off the grounds.  
III—A Farmhouse. Though the ladies prove useless as servants, the farmers  
to endure them. Lionel finds himself in love with Martha, steals a rose from  
her, and his refusal to restore it without a song occasions the introduction of  
"The Last Rose of Summer," which but fans his passion. Tristan arrives; the brothers  
the remaining three escape.  
IV—A Hunting Park in Richmond Forest. The young farmers, seeking their  
servants, come upon a hunting party of the Queen. Lionel unexpectedly meets  
Tristan, is surprised at finding her in her lady's apparel, but pleads his love,  
is rejected; and this incident leads into the brilliant *Finale*, during which Lionel  
the ring on his finger and sends it by Plunkett, to the Queen.  
V. Scene I—A Hall in Plunkett's Farmhouse. Plunkett muses on the de-  
jection of his brother. Nancy convives a meeting between Lionel and Lady Harriet, in  
Lady Harriet tells him the Queen has announced him the son of the banished  
lady, who has been found guiltless. He refuses the rank as well as  
the promised love.  
VI—The scene changes to a Fair on Plunkett's Grounds. The two ladies  
garbed as formerly at the Richmond Fair. Lionel's mind clears; he embraces  
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Further, owing to its centuries of connection with the services of the Christian Church, the organ is surrounded with such a halo of romantic and legendary accretions that anyone attempting to remove the latter will almost invariably be regarded as a sacrilegist or an iconoclast. For us, however, accustomed as we are to constant misrepresentation, this fate has no terrors; and, although convinced, by years of experience in matters educational and controversial, of the difficulty experienced in the combating of any popular error, the harder the task we set ourselves the greater will be our satisfaction at any measure of success to which those of our readers may consider us to have attained.

#### Smaller Organs Often Noisiest

Undoubtedly the most elementary misconceptions concerning the church organ are found in the discussion of its specification or scheme. The popular idea is that an organ of liberal dimensions must be intolerably harsh and noisy. On the contrary, the over-blown, and harshly-voiced little organs are those which produce noisy and irritating tone quality; while, by their lack of variety of soft stop combinations, they engender the most deadly monotony. On the contrary, the larger instrument, though more powerful, is usually better voiced and blown; its full power is but rarely called into play; while its greater number of soft stops enables it to produce a constant variety of subdued and pleasing effects.

#### Stops Not a Guide

Another popular error is the estimation of the size and value of an organ by the number of its draw stops or stop keys. This is to forget that some ten or twelve per cent. of these are couplers, controlling and combining stops or combinations, but not adding to the number of either. Besides, stops are sometimes made to draw in halves, or a portion of one stop is "grooved" into another, in both of which cases there are two stops but only one set of pipes. Again, a number of small, fancy or stopped pipes, especially if some of these are shorter than their legitimate compass, will be much less expensive and far less sonorous than a single complete open pipe of generous proportions. And it is through ignorance of these elementary facts in organ building that many churches and organ committees, declining to engage professional advice, have come to grief and squandered public money to an almost incredible extent.

#### Two or Three Manuals

For the fostering of one serious misconception concerning organ construction, organ builders themselves are often responsible. This is the erection of organs of two instead of three manuals in churches of respectable size. Given a sufficient number of stops, combined with adequate coupling action, and distributed over three manuals, the same power can be produced as in an organ of two manuals, but with a much larger number of effects, and with far greater ease and comfort to the performer. Indeed, the wrestling with some of the unmanageable and overgrown two-manual organs, to be found in so many churches, constitutes no mean addition to the troubles to which almost every organist is heir.

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very common, are still but imperfectly understood in many quarters. Quite a respectable number of otherwise well-informed people are as yet unable to distinguish between a console or a key desk and a glorified reed organ minus the cheap turnery top and dummy pipes. Only quite recently, and in our own hearing, a lady deposed to having visited a church in which were two organs—a little one at which the organist sat, and a large one at some distance behind him, the two being played together by means of electricity! Better than this, however, is the story vouched for by the late Dr. Longhurst, to the effect that after the introduction of the new organ into Canterbury Cathedral, a verger used to inform visitors that "the connection between the console and the *hargin* is done by *heletrics*, and the whole thing set in motion by *hydraulic water*!"

A more pardonable misconception, however, is that, in placing a contract for the construction of an organ, the larger the firm the better the building. In many cases this is not a misconception at all. There are many firms of the first rank who would take as much interest in an instrument designed for some humble meeting-house as in one intended for an influential church or popular concert hall. But this interest is due more to the conscientious character of the principals of the firm than to the position of the latter.

#### What Builders to Select

The reputation of a large firm is seldom advanced by the erection of small organs in comparatively unfrequented districts, whereas it is by the construction of these very instruments that a young firm first gets its foot upon the ladder of popularity. Hence it is only reasonable to expect that the small organ builder, if a man of integrity and ability, will do his very best with a small commission or order, whereas a firm burdened with large and heavy contracts could not always be expected or relied upon to do this. Personally, we would prefer to place a small contract with a reliable builder in a small way of business to one of second rank. The former will make his own wood work and action with credit and distinction, and purchase his metal and reed work from expert makers and voicers to the trade; whereas the larger firm, with just sufficient capital to lay down a plant for the manufacture of its own metal and reed work, will often produce stops of the most inferior tone and voicing, far below the purchased work of the small builder or the manufactured work of firms of the first magnitude, which latter are, of course, in a position to lay down the best plant and secure the best workmanship.

#### Where to Place the Organ

But perhaps the greatest of all misconceptions concerning the church organ is that relating to the position in which it should be placed. On this point we have

already written so much and, in past appointments, suffered such unutterable things, that we cannot be quite content, in this connection, to allow the brevity of our words to be accepted as affording any adequate idea of the measure of our sufferings.

The best position for an organ in an Episcopal Church is, undoubtedly, that adopted in the concert room, viz., facing the congregation, i.e., at the east end of the church. Failing this there is the north or south side (as in most cathedrals and modern churches), or even a suitable and roomy chamber or recess. But the position in the west gallery, i.e., behind the congregation, renders the instrument more or less invisible and inaudible, causes "dragging" on account of the lateness of the sound in reaching the congregation from behind, and renders the instrument unavailable for choral services and organ recitals, and uncomfortable for the organist and the choir. So bad is this position that we only know of one distinguished advocate thereof, and much of his advocacy is, we fear, "spoke sarcastic." The late Professor Sir Frederick Gore Ousley, a former Professor of Music in the University of Oxford, recommended this position in a large church without a choir, in which "the whole congregation were in the habit of singing hymns at the top of their voices." The organ would then be useful to "drown the shouts if the cacophony became intolerable." Drowning, we are told, is one of the most merciful forms of death, but its comfort can surely be increased by speed. And as congregational singing can be much more effectually and speedily drowned by an organ placed in front instead of behind a congregation, this fact deprives the supporters of the west gallery position of the last prop upon which they can possibly lean.

#### Dirt in the Organ

The question of organ preservation is one upon which misrepresentation is fearfully rife. Some people will favorably compare the tone of an organ in some neighborhood church with that of their own instrument, forgetful that the one is under regular tuning and constant supervision, while the other is only attended to by third-rate workmen, and even these employed with the regularity of irregularity. Other people protest against a dirty church (in which music sounds as well as in a clean one), but appear to be unaware that no good tone quality can be expected from a dirty organ. A grain of dust on a reed, and its voice is dumb or discordant; an accumulation of dust in flue pipes or on the organ action, and brightness of tone and smoothness of working gradually disappear.

Some organ committees seem to think that their responsibility ends with the erection of the instrument; whereas organ mechanism needs constant overhauling and

occasional renewing, or it will speedily revenge itself upon its neglectful owner by disturbing the worship music, putting the church to needless expense, and irritating the innocent and unoffendingist.

#### Troublesome Organ Committee

But while some organ committees neglect their plain and simple duty, magnify their office by issuing all harassing restrictions concerning the organ by the professional organist, his pupils, under the mistaken idea that organ practice is hurtful to the instrument. This, however, can never be the case, provided the instrument be sound, the organist competent, and the pupils under proper training. On the contrary, the frequent use of an organ not only discovers defects, but keeps the reeds in better condition, and the mechanism in better working order. By the frequent use of the instrument the week temporary derangements of mechanism or tuning are discovered, and allowed to remain until the time for the next day service, would often render the organ unavailable, and cause much trouble and vexation to both choir and congregation.

#### Obstreperous Officials

The writer once played in a church the officers of which, unable to deprive of a legally conferred privilege of to and use of the organ for himself, his pupils, endeavored to send leanness of soul by making him responsible for damage done to the instrument during the exercise of the aforesaid privilege. The result of this grand-motherly legislation amounted to an expenditure on his part of a couple of copper coins in three or four years!

Believing that whatever the other misconceptions may be current concerning church organs, they are more or less related to, or derived from, those we have already discussed, it only remains to remark, in conclusion, that this is not altogether intended for the professional organist who should be fully conversant with all the misconceptions we have in review, and equally well acquainted with the facts we have adduced by way of illustration. We write rather for the church worker and supporter, the layman who desires to do and to have done for his church the best things in the best possible way, the individual who has a right to, and we trust, sanctified common sense, and whose only deficiency is along technical lines. Should this article be of any value to such an one, we shall feel that we have arrived at the *ultima* of our ambitions and desires, viz., to be useful rather than ornamental or even controversial.

### The Four-Foot Organ Couplers

By Helen Oliphant Bates

At a recent organ recital a young man was heard to remark, "The organ is noisy instrument, I can't enjoy it."

As her remark had special reference to the concert just attended, it was not surprising that the organist had made frequent and judicious use of the four-foot couplers on the manual being played upon. To say, the swell to swell 4-foot or great to great 4-foot. According to the theory of acoustics the upper partials of a note decrease in volume as they ascend the fundamental tone. Is it not unscientific and inartistic then, to reinforce the swell to swell 4-foot and great to great 4-foot couplers? These couplers are sparingly used because they add noise and decrease from natural expressiveness of the greatest of all musical instruments.



## "Why is a Voluntary?"

By Edwin Hall Pierce

SOME years ago the writer was attending a performance of Mozart's "Magic Flute," in one of the smaller European cities. The orchestra was good; the singers, fair to middling; the stage settings, decidedly poor. As the curtain rose on the second act, the scene is supposed to represent an ancient Egyptian temple; but the massive (?) pillars were so obviously flimsy pasteboard that I involuntarily closed my eyes to listen to the music. A few magnificent and solemn chords sounded forth from the brass instruments; opening my eyes again, the pasteboard pillars seemed suddenly to have become real granite! Such is the power of music to create a mood, an atmosphere.

This incident, which might at first thought seem to have little to do with organ-playing is mentioned, because it illustrates both the artistic and the moral possibilities of the organ voluntary in the hands of an organist who is both a talented musician and a reverent worshipper—and no other should undertake the duties of church organists.

To assume, on the one hand, that an organ voluntary is merely something to pass the time pleasantly while the congregation is coming in, or on the other hand, that it is to give the opportunity for display of the organist's skill as a concert performer, to take a very low and faulty view of the subject. Its true function is to create a mood in which the mind and heart become more easily susceptible to religious emotion.

### Sermons in Stone

A certain noted writer has remarked that a great cathedral is its own best sermon—that one can scarcely imagine anything that could be said by a preacher, in such a place, that would not have the effect of an anticlimax. While this is a subtle and an over-statement, it cannot be denied that beautiful architecture and the varied symbolism of Christian art are capable of powerful influence. In such surroundings, the organist's task—to create a religious atmosphere—should be easy, as it is already half accomplished in advance. In a plain and unimpressive religious edifice, the task is undeniably more difficult, but the duty remains exactly the same.

But it must not be imagined that there are any one particular class of pieces specially fit for opening voluntaries on all occasions. The religious mood is not *one* thing but *many*. In churches observing the "Church year," like the Protestant Episcopal, it is possible to foresee, even ahead of time, what the predominant line of thought is for any given Sunday or holy day. There is even a book published in which suggestions are given for organ voluntaries, postludes and appropriate anthems; but any organist who has a reasonably large repertoire and a good sense of the fitness of things can choose for himself just as intelligently. In churches which do not observe the

Church year, there are nevertheless some occasions on which the character of the service is easily foreseen—such as Thanksgiving, Children's Sunday, Christmas and National Holidays. On other Sundays the surest and best guide is to examine the character of hymns which the minister has selected, which in most cases will have been determined in his mind by the subject of his sermon. Very many times it has happened that having chosen an opening voluntary provisionally I have felt it fitting to alter this at the last minute, on being handed the list of hymns. Where no appropriate piece is at hand, it is often of excellent effect for the organist to improvise on motives derived from the tune of the first hymn to be sung, in case he has cultivated the art of improvisation, as every skilled organist should. This is particularly the case where the order of service is such that the program opens with a hymn. If the opening is with the Doxology, a choir "Call to Worship," or an anthem, the sense of connection with the improvised voluntary is partially lost.

### Unity Needed

In order that there should be a certain unity between the opening voluntary and any other music which is to follow immediately, regard should be had to key-relationship between the end of one piece and the beginning of the next. If they are in the same key, the relative major or minor, or the key of the dominant or sub-dominant, the connection will be pleasing, without special care. The rise or fall of a major third also will be agreeable; but certain other key-relationships will be less effective unless skilfully bridged over by a little modulatory improvisation. For instance, the change to a key a major second or a minor third above or below, made without intervening modulation, is specially displeasing. Thus, suppose the hymn coming directly after the voluntary were in C, the voluntary might be in C, G, F, E, A flat, A minor, E minor or even C minor, but should not be in D, B flat, E flat, A major or D minor. The fact that there may be a slight pause while the minister announces the hymn does not alter the case, as the ear retains a more or less conscious memory of the musical tone last heard.

In regard to the closing voluntary, or "Postlude," conditions are slightly different, and it is quite allowable for it to take on a somewhat more noisy and worldly character, only that this difference should not be so pronounced as to verge on the incongruous or irreverent. Should the service have been a particularly solemn one, a noisy postlude would be completely out of place, and it should at least begin in a more quiet, meditative character. Whether it should afterward swell into grandeur or brilliancy is a matter to be determined by a sympathetic feeling for the prevalent mood of the occasion.

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each. At any rate, a quivering of the voices was heard, evidently attempting to imitate the tremolo of the organ, which gave the ear just five uncertain non-adjusted tremolos to adjust. Also, the voices seemed uncertain as to pitch, and relief was felt when the tremolo was discontinued.

From this one example of a tremolo stop being used with singers, the practical deduction is: "Never use the tremolo stop with the human voice." It only mars an otherwise good production. When an organist feels any doubt about the advisability of using certain stops with his choir, he should endeavor to get someone with an appreciative ear for tone colors to attend a rehearsal and listen to the rendition by the choir and organ, wherein the doubtful registration is utilized, and abide by his decision. In the absence of such a critic it is better to adhere to the usual foundation stops, without attempting any imaginative fanciful effects, given with doubts.

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Which is the more ancient, the music e Occident or of the Orient, of the West e East, of Europe or of China and ?—R. B., Flint, Mich.

The music of the Orient (the East) as sent by Egypt, China and Japan is ancient by far. Egypt had a highly oped state of musical art when other as, particularly Europe, were in con- ignorance of the divine art. When the lites started on their wanderings they with them the musical instruments of Egyptians and their science and art, lies and methods. According to Ric- "for thousands of years the Chinese had a theory on the relation of sounds, upon a scale of fifths the same as the agorean system." At first, a series of fifths sufficed to explain the melodic ue of five notes: F—C—G—D—A. primitive scale of five degrees ignores ones: C, D, E, G, A, C, D. It was not about the year 1500 B. C. that half- and the whole system of fifths on the degrees were introduced. Neverthe- the old pentatonic melodies are still oyed, chiefly in sacred music. Still the manufacture and tuning of musical uments, in both China and Japan, are on the pentatonic system.

I. How many keys would it require for ctance on the piano, if the sharps and were not played on the same key? II. many sharps are there on the key in one octave, also how many flats?—Bird-in-Hand, Pa.

Some questions are easy to decipher to answer, but it must be confessed that is a "stumper," as school-boys say! ver, here goes: I. By "keys" you prob- mean black keys. So, ascending by s from C, you have five black keys; ore, descending by flats from C, you ve five black keys. Thus in one octave would be seventeen keys (five black five black plus seven white). But that all. To be complete, there must be keys for E $\sharp$  and for B $\sharp$ , also for C $\flat$ , or a grand total of twenty-one! II. is the real "stumper!" but here goes: Every key on the piano has at least names (except G $\sharp$ , which has only one A.) C, B $\sharp$ , D $\flat$ ; D, C $\sharp$ , E $\flat$ ; E, D $\sharp$ , F, E $\flat$ , G $\flat$ ; G, F $\sharp$ , A $\flat$ ; A, G $\sharp$ , B $\flat$ ; B, A $\sharp$ , C $\flat$ ; all of these for the white keys; for the black keys: C $\sharp$ , B $\sharp$ , D $\sharp$ ; D $\flat$ , E $\flat$ , F $\flat$ , E $\sharp$ , G $\sharp$ ; G $\flat$ , A $\flat$ ; A $\sharp$ , B $\flat$ , C $\flat$ —five in all!!! But, what is the idea? a game of patience, or is it the point nture of some stupendous invention? hich event, the writer respectfully res- a share of the profits.

I. Kindly tell me if there is any help tremolo in the human voice? I have criticized severely, but cannot help it. hen younger I could reach high D; now once are not high but more of a con- . Why is this? III. What causes me nervous before the public, for I have all my life, nearly. IV. Why does my p tremble before the public? I have s loved to sing, but if I sing for long ount tires.—E. A. W., Oklahoma.

I. Either you have not learned to e correctly (that is, your breath con- is bad) or you have forced your voice o loud singing. You can correct it with d of a competent teacher, by re-posing voice; yes, you must re-pose and re-ose e-pace it and rest it. You will practice e breathing exercises which will give e needed control at the diaphragm; ou will supplement these by the practice ow tones, not louder than mezzo-forte, all the notes of your medium, taking over to force the tone, but controlling output at the diaphragm and nowhere e. Persevere thus until you are able to ain a steady tone. The symptoms you e in your II, III and IV are so many ees of muscular strain which impedes e emission. There is no reason what- y why your throat should tire, if you sing: that is, without muscular tension, action or constriction anywhere. You e able to sing indefinitely without a tired throat. Your lungs may be- tired, but your throat never.

What is understood by the plagal ?—M. R. C., Pawtucket, R. I.

The ancient Byzantine church had eight istical modes, reckoning them down- s; G to the octave lower, then F to F, E down to E and D down to D se were termed the authentic modes, these were formed four others, each a below each authentic, namely: C down B down to B, A down to A and G to G; these were termed the plagal s (from the Greek, plagios, later). At er period, dating from Guido d'Arezzo, ades, or scales, were reckoned upwards heir plagals, a fourth below them, like- eceeding upwards: D up to D, Dorian,

with its plagal a fourth below: A up to A, Hypodorian; and so forth. Despite all that has been written about these modes and the origin of the modern major scale of C and of its minor A, there is still much that is not altogether clear in the description of the evolution of these ecclesiastical modes —much for which space is here wanting.

Q. What is meant by modulation and by transposition?—E. S., Trenton, N. J.

A. Modulation is passing from any one key to any other, regularly and without shock to the ear. Transposition is the art of writ- ing or playing a piece in any key other than the one given, care being taken to keep the original structure without alteration of any kind, especially in the nomenclature of rela- tive intervals or chord formation.

Q. What is the difference between a fugue and a canon?—Ida A.

A. A canon (Greek, *kahon*, rule or stand- ard) is a contrapuntal composition written rigidly according to rule, which requires that the theme be repeated by another voice with- out any change in time or in relative note progression. It should, however, be noted that there is a form of Canon by augmenta- tion, by double and even by triple augmenta- tion. A fugue (Latin, *fuga*, flight) is a con- trapuntal composition, whose style is much less severe than that of the canon, much greater latitude being left to the composer's imagination. The answering voice of the fugue does not enter, as a rule, until the theme has been enunciated, whereas in the canon the second voice begins before the completion of the theme by the first voice.

Q. What is meant by relative major and minor?—A. M., Boston, Mass.

A. Having the same key signature; thus B is the relative minor of D major and D major the relative major of B minor because they both have the same key signature, namely, two sharps. Even as Bill Jones, the son, and John Jones, the father, have the same signature: "Jones." Having the same note for *do*. Thus: G $\sharp$  minor (five sharps) has B for *do*, B major (five sharps) also has B for *do*. This observation is very useful in the playing of the melodic minor scales, for example: the descending form of the scale is according to the notes of the *do* of the as- cending form—A minor (C is *do*) descends by the notes of C major; D $\flat$  minor (D $\flat$  is *do*) descends by the notes of D $\flat$  major, and so forth.

Q. Grace notes have always bothered me. Am I to understand that it is always the rule to play a grace-note with a tie through the hook very quickly and before the regular beat of the principal note (that is, the grace-note comes together with the bass note)? Also please tell me whether a single grace-note without any mark through the hook comes with the beat or before it? In the case of two or more grace-notes, do you play them before the beat or with the ac- companying note in the bass? Cecmy, I note, prefers them before the beat; how about it?—NORTH DAKOTA.

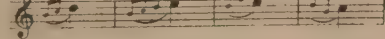
A. Yes; the grace-note is played simul- taneously with the bass note. It is played an infinitesimal fraction of time before the principal note; in fact, so short a time that some excellent teachers instruct their pupils (who have a certain difficulty in playing the two notes correctly) to play the grace-note and its principal note together, im- mediately releasing the finger of the grace-note. This grace-note is called an *acclacatura*.

"A single grace-note without any mark through the hook" is not an *acclacatura*, but an *appoggiatura*; it takes its own time away from the following note and the ac- cent also. If the following note is dotted, the *appoggiatura* takes two-thirds of its time.

In playing the classics the rule is: when several notes are given as *acclacatura*, whether two, three, or even more, these *acclacatura* are played *with the beat*, thus:—

Ex.1

Written



Played



Musical Terms

Q. What are the meaning of: BB. B $\flat$ -accr, B $\sharp$ azim, Boreuse?—GABRIELLE O.

A. BB (German) double flat. bb: B $\flat$ -accr (French), natural, N; B $\sharp$ azim (Dutch), trombone; Boreuse (French), lullaby, cradle song.



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It is a beautiful sight to watch the bowing of the violinists of a well-trained symphony orchestra. The members of each string section bow exactly alike—each part, first and second violins, violas, 'cellos and double basses, with its own bowings. The bows rise and fall together, and each player does the same kind of bowing as the others in his section. If one is playing spiccato bowing, all are playing spiccato bowing; if one is playing martelé bowing, all are doing the same, and so on. This uniformity of bowing pleases the eye and also helps the unity of tone.

How is this uniformity brought about? A correspondent writing to THE ETUDE on this subject evidently has the idea that there are certain rules in bowing which every well-educated violinist observes, and that if you should give a certain number of violinists a piece of violin music where no bowings were marked, each one of them would bow it in an identical manner; for he asks for a list of rules by which he can always bow correctly.

This is a mistaken idea, for while there are certain fundamental rules which are usually observed, yet it is often possible to bow a passage in different ways, each one of which will be effective. A wide latitude is observed in bowing, as to what part of the bow is used, whether the up or down stroke shall be used, or as to the particular style of bowing to be employed, to best bring out the musical phrase.

### Why They Bow Together

The reason why the bowings of symphony orchestras and other well-trained orchestras are so perfectly uniform is because the parts are all marked by the concertmaster of the orchestra and the leaders of the various string sections. Where necessary, the up or down bow is marked, the slurs carefully marked to include the proper number of notes, the kind of bowing—*spiccato*, *martelé*, *sautillé*, and others are marked where necessary. In this way the bows move exactly together, and every violinist is doing the same kind of bowing as his neighbors. If the parts were not specifically marked, the players would often be bowing at sixes and sevens, for it is seldom that we find orchestra parts, as they leave the publisher, with the bowings well marked.

An immense amount of the violin music of the world, including not only orchestra parts, but even solo violin parts as well, is prepared by arrangers and composers who have but a slight knowledge of violin technic and are not competent to mark the bowings properly. Many of these composers and arrangers are pianists, theoretical musicians or players on wind instruments who have only a smattering of violin technic. Where we find violin music well marked, the publishers have engaged a good violinist to edit it and to mark the bowings.

Even when orchestra parts have been marked by an editor employed by the publisher, the concertmaster may have his own idea in regard to the bowings, and will make many changes to conform with his own notions as to the most effective manner of executing the music. The same holds good in solo violin parts. Different artists have their own ideas as to the best way of bowing given passages and as to the variety of bowing to be used for executing any given passage to the best advantage.

If we watch an ordinary theatre or dance orchestra, we will see what happens when the parts are not carefully bowed. The leaders of such orchestras seldom take the trouble to mark the parts, so the different violinists use their own judgment about the bowing to be employed, with the result that it is far from being uniform. As a rule, such parts have only the phras-

ing indicated and it is left to the violinist to supply the bowings.

We have the excellent saying that "A violin part well marked is half learned." The selection of the proper bowings, and style of bowing for a violin part is of the greatest importance for its proper performance. Every violin pupil of an eminent teacher will remember how carefully his teacher marked every phrase, how he continually changed bowings and made corrections.

Our correspondent is assured that the art of bowing, so that it can be correctly applied to any given composition, and so that it will cover all cases, cannot be laid down in a series of short simple rules. It can only be learned by years of study of the best studies and compositions for the violin and by theoretical studies in music. During this long period of study the violin student learns to apply instinctively an effective bowing to any given passage. As said before, the same passage can be bowed in different ways, each one of which will prove effective. Then again there will be other ways of bowing the same passage, each one of which will be weak and ineffective.

### Main Thing in Bowing

The main thing in bowing is, of course, to slur the proper number of notes in one bow, and to use detached bowings where necessary so as best to bring out the legato or staccato effects of the music. A fundamental principle is to use the down bow for accented notes wherever possible, since the down bow is naturally heavier and more emphatic than the up bow. For this reason the down bow should be used as far as possible for the first beat of the measure and other accented portions of the bar, and the up bow for the unaccented portions. There are very many exceptions to this rule; however, as it cannot always be applied. In syncopated passages it is effective to use the down bow for the accented notes. Remember that the most powerful strokes are the down bows at the frog, and the weakest the up bows at the point.

Bowings of every conceivable kind should be studied for years. The second exercise of Kreutzer is excellent, with its

WHEN we go to the movies, we are all interested and amused by a "slow motion" film. When the speed of the picture is very much reduced, the action is so slow that we can analyze the swiftest motion at our leisure. We can see what takes place when the action at real speed would be too fast for the eye.

An athlete vaulting over a horizontal bar seems to be floating very slowly through the air. A great race horse, tearing down the home stretch, appears to be raising and lowering his legs like a lazy swimmer. A high diver comes down through the air as if he were a bunch of feathers, instead of 175 pounds of flesh and blood.

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### Experience Solves Problems

The student, notwithstanding the fact that he may have learned the proper execution of a large number of bowing strokes, will often be at a loss how to apply them until he has had the necessary experience. In acquiring this experience he will find it of great assistance to get a number of parts, such as orchestra violin parts for theatrical, dance and hotel orchestras, as these seldom have the bowings correctly marked, and are usually merely phrased. He should mark these parts, carefully studying the best bowings, where up and down bows should come, and so on. If he has a good violin teacher, he can go over the parts with the latter after they are finished, getting his advice and corrections.

The student who wishes to advance in the art of applying proper bowings will also find it a great assistance to study and play compositions of all kinds which have been carefully edited by really good violinists, and to note how the bowings have been applied to the various passages. He should try to impress on his memory how these various bowing problems have been solved, so that when he meets the same problem in another composition which is not marked, or is marked incorrectly, he will know how to solve it.

## Slow Practice

There is a great lesson in this slow motion stuff for the violin student; and that lesson is the necessity for the slow practice of difficult passages, for by no other method can he so well analyze the steps by which such passages can be mastered.

Slow practice is something which every one admits is of the highest value, but which very few seem willing to do. The greatest violin teachers of the world continually emphasize the importance of slow practice. By this means the student can comprehend just what has to be done; and, when this understanding of a passage is established, it is easy to gradually increase the speed until the correct tempo is

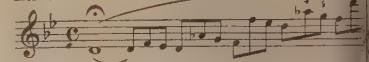
attained. Scientists tell us that each muscular action is performed it becomes easier. An impression is made on the nervous system and brain, as well as muscle, and each succeeding impression deepens it and makes the action easier. It is like making a little gutter in sand with a stick. If water is poured the sand, it has a tendency to flow through the gutter.

Following out the analogy, it will be seen how important it is for the student to practice a passage correctly from start, no matter how slowly. Every passage in thirty-second notes is played first in half or quarter notes, and played correctly, the brain gets the correct impression of the passage, and with a sufficient number of repetitions the required speed can be obtained.

Theoretically, every student admits the extreme value of slow practice, but few have the patience to do it, as every violin teacher knows, many pupils trying to learn a difficult piece or exercise, practicing from the very start at top speed, or faster than it is intended to go. Say this is a difficult run in sixteenth notes, second notes, far up the fingerboard, with many notes slurred in one bow. Most of them will make a bluff at getting most of the notes out of the many of the intervals atrociously fast, and the time uneven and jerky. They never seem to have the patience to do the "slow motion" cure to the difficulty.

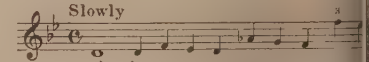
What should be done in such a case would be not to take on all the difficulty at once, but one at a time. Instead of playing long, fast scales or runs, many notes slurred in a bow as written, the notes of the passage should first be played very slowly with a single bow for each note. When the correct notes and their sequence have become thoroughly impressed on the mind, the passage can gradually speeded up and the bowing written can be added. Take the following passage, for instance, from the Cadence of exercise No. 23 in Kreutzer:

Ex. 1



First, play the passage in quarter notes in slow tempo, gradually increasing speed as facility is obtained, as below:

Ex. 2



Next, bow three notes to a bow as below, until it can be played smoothly and rapidly:

Ex. 3



Finally, play in one bow, as given in the first example. The same idea can be followed with the rest of the study, to any study or to difficult passages of any piece; and it is astonishing how much can be made to yield by attacking them separately and in a very slow tempo. It is an excellent idea in pieces or exercises containing a great many trills, mordents, and embellishments of all kinds to play them without the embellishment at first, for as soon as the simple musical structure is impressed on the mind, the embellishments will be found to fall into place when they come to be added.

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strings are not as durable as those which  
are older. There is a certain seasoning  
that takes place. As a matter of fact, if  
the playing public would believe us we  
would not offer a string for sale that was  
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never sell, and we would be accused of  
attempting to sell "old stock." If you  
will take our advice you will anticipate  
your string needs and so arrange that you  
can put away gut strings where they will  
be exposed to ordinary house temperature  
and not use them for three, four or six  
months. Try this and you will be sur-  
prised at the durability you will obtain  
from your strings.

This suggestion does not apply to wound  
strings. Wound strings should be put  
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can often be cured by immersing the  
string in olive oil over night, coiled in a  
saucer.

Find out the thickness of string which  
gives best results on your own particular  
instrument. Have each string, E, A, D  
and G, gauged the same comparative size,  
as otherwise true fifths are impossible,  
even though your strings are true.

Replace strings frequently enough to  
avoid using a string which is worn from  
fingers or flattened by the bow.

If possible avoid putting on new strings  
just before some important engagement.  
Give your strings time to become settled  
and thus eliminate a lot of tuning during  
your performance.

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an excess of rosin, but which otherwise  
are in good condition, should be carefully  
wiped off with a clean cloth dampened  
with alcohol.

Lightly rubbing an old string with the  
meat of the Brazil nut will restore the  
softness to the string.

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pitch without the care of tuning it gradu-  
ally to give it a chance to stretch. Again  
they will not allow enough slack in the  
string to give at least three or four turns  
around the peg before the tension begins.  
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to break.

Try putting the knot of an E string  
into the tail slot and drawing through  
enough to put the knot in the slot again  
and then drawing up the slack or loop  
thus formed through the right edge of the  
tailpiece. This will take the strain  
off the knot and do away with breakage  
at that point. See that notches in the nut  
and bridge are smooth and do not bind,  
and many of your breakage troubles will  
disappear.

To reduce the chance of G breakage in  
summer, we suggest that it be strung on  
the D peg. This does away with the  
sharp bend over the nut, where G's usu-  
ally break in hot weather. Place the D  
string on the G peg; the D will not  
break. Follow this suggestion and you  
will probably save a G that might other-  
wise break if strung in the usual manner.

## The Thrill of the Violin

By Henry H. Graham

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portrayed between the time the master's  
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finale. Most compositions by the great  
masters tell a complete story; and all of  
the emotions felt during the reading of a  
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is his mastery over his instrument.

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as a genius, a person of moderate ability,  
or as a failure. It is one of the most  
difficult of vocations to master—that of  
violin playing—and one in which the un-  
fit are swiftly weeded out.

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is not its only asset. The chances for  
flawless technic, mastery over tremendous  
difficulties, and the reflection of one's soul  
are greater than in any other field of mu-  
sical endeavor. And while it is possible  
to achieve near perfection in violin play-  
ing, there are always variations in style,  
understanding and interpretation. Always  
there is something to be learned. There is  
ever a different, fresh, presentation of old,  
beloved numbers which tug at the heart  
and make the lump rise rhythmically in  
the throat.

## When Is a Loud Orchestra?

THE "dear connoisseurs?" Bless them, we  
never would know what to say about mat-  
ters musical if they did not "give the cue,"  
have almost ceased to remark on the mere  
incident of an orchestral climax being  
built up in an operatic score till it com-  
pletely inundates the singer's voice. Per-  
haps it has become so much a common-  
place that to mention it would relegate one  
to the ranks of the benighted common herd.  
To listen for the words of the singer  
through the orchestral torrents of many

Wagnerian scenes has ceased to be consid-  
ered worthy the effort; while there are  
moments with the modern Italians which  
are almost as noisy.

But the dear people never will be satis-  
fied. When Peri created the first opera  
given a public performance, in 1600, he used  
as an orchestra a quartet of strings con-  
sisting of two violins, a guitar and a contra-  
basso, with a flute added; and it is said that  
the disagreeable dilettanti complained that  
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## High School First.

H. B.—As you only have a little more than a year in high school, to complete your course, it would no doubt be best for you to go on and graduate, especially as you are able to get in two or three hours practice daily, and four or five during vacations. After graduation you ought to give your entire time to your violin study, since you are studying for the profession. 2.—Could not give an opinion on your Hopf violin, without seeing it. There was an article about Hopf violins in the Aug. 1922 ETUDE.

## Jacques Boquai.

J. M. B.—Your violin is evidently an imitation of the violins of Jacques Boquai, 1700-1740, a famous early French maker. He copied Cremona makers with great success. As you say your violin seems to be factory-made, and not over ten years old, I could not give a guess at its value without seeing it. The value would depend on how good an imitation it is, and how well it is made.

## Jacob Petz.

LeR G.—Jacob Petz, Vils. 1796, was a Tyrolean violin maker, who made violins at Vils. As he was not a famous maker, details of his work and life are lacking. As the label in your violin says "Wien" (Austria) there may have been another Jacob Petz, who operated in Vienna, Austria, but I find no evidence of this fact.

## Slipping Fingers.

E. B. R.—To prevent the fingers slipping on the stick of the bow, you might have violin repairer wind the stick with silver wire, near the frog, or you might use one of the rubber grips which are for sale at any music store. Some violin players use a leather or chamois grip, which you can make, and stick on the stick yourself. 2.—The Strad (violin magazine) is published at 2 Duncan Terrace, London (Eng.) N. 1. The annual subscription, post-free, is five shillings.

## Ferdinando Gagliano.

A. E. R.—Translated your label means; "Ferdinando Gagliano, son of Nicola (Gagliano) made (this violin) at Naples, 17—." The dates of Ferdinand at Naples, 1706-1783. The dates of his father, Nicola, are, Naples, 1700-1740. Gagliano violins are valuable if genuine. There are many imitations. Pronounce *Gahlyano*. 2.—Cannot trace the Bailly violins.

## Bass Bar Placing.

M. E. L.—If the bass-bar is not placed "directly beneath, and in line with the G string," as your letter states, the whole violin, and especially the G string, would lack the full sonority, singing tone, and quality, which it would have if the bar was properly placed. The proper size and correct placing of the bass-bar is of great importance to the tone of the violin.

## VI. I.

Sr. M. T.—The VI. I. placed over the small notes in the second violin part, means that the second violin rests, while the first violin plays the small notes.

## Lump on Jaw.

L. A.—Consult a good physician about the lump which has formed on your jaw caused by pressure on the chin rest. As often explained in THE ETUDE, these sores and lumps which form on the jaw or neck are caused by exerting too strong pressure and by failing to hold the violin perfectly still when playing. When the violin sways around it rubs the neck or jaw, and causes a growth to form. Hold the violin perfectly still and do not press it too firmly against the neck, or press the jaw too tightly on the chin rest. 2. THE ETUDE does not recommend any one certain type of chin rest, since what might suit one player might not be adapted to another. Go to a music store where they have a large assortment of chin rests, or, better still, go to an experienced teacher, and get his advice and help in picking out a suitable chin rest.

## Follow Teacher.

J. D.—As you are studying under a good teacher, you ought to be guided solely by him as to your course of study. However, you would find the following interesting and helpful at your present stage of progress: Sevcik, Forty Variations, Op. 3 (for bowing); Mazas Brilliant Studies, Op. 36, Book 2; Viotti, Concerto for Violin, No. 23, in G Major; Accolay, Concerto for violin No. 1 in A minor. Schradieck, Scale Studies, 2. If you play the list you send really well, you have made exceptional progress in two years.

## William Chadwick.

K. G.—I cannot trace the violin by William Chadwick, London, but from your description, the copy of the label, etc., I am inclined to think that it is a factory-made violin of no great value. However it is impossible to say anything definite without an examination.

## Tired Arms.

C. A. H.—The reason your arms tire so quickly, and you are so troubled with stiffness of the fingers, when playing the violin, no doubt results from the fact that you took up violin playing so late in life (43). When one starts in childhood, the muscles adapt themselves to the task of playing the instrument, and the whole physique "grows" to the instrument. However, anyone, even a child, has trouble at the start by the cramping and tiring of the muscles, but this gradually disappears with steady and continuous practice. In your case steady practice of not less than one hour a day, best divided into periods of fifteen minutes each, may help some, but I fear you can never hope for the suppleness of the violinist who has studied from childhood. I do not know of any physical exercises, aside from the actual work of the violin playing itself, which I think would help you, since you can only perform the actual muscular movements used in violin playing, with the violin in hand.

## Two Shirred Notes.

E. W.—Play the two notes connected with a slur (with a dot under the second note) both with the down bow. There is a very slight stop of the bow between the two notes. 2.—In the composition you send, single bows can be used. If this composition is a song, the phrasing of the song should be followed as closely as possible. 2.—In violin music all the notes under a slur, are to be played with one bow stroke, as in the example you send.

## Bridge Placing.

J. G. L.—As a general rule, if the notches in the sound holes are correctly placed, the lower edge of the bridge (the edge nearest the tail-piece) should come opposite the inner notches. 2.—The post should be set directly back of the right foot of the bridge, which brings it directly under the E string. There is one best spot for the post to be placed for any violin, as regards as to how far back it should be placed, and this can only be discovered by experimenting. The distance which would give good results in one violin might not be so favorable in another. As a rule the tone becomes harder and more brilliant as the post is moved closer to the foot of the bridge.

## Physician for "Nerves."

M. V.—Your case is one for a physician, preferably a specialist in diseases of the nervous system. It would be pure guess work for me to try and diagnose your trouble.

I do not know of any "disease of the head, common to violinists," which your letter mentions, aside from nervous trouble which might afflict any one, in any profession.

## Rene Champion.

A. H.—Rene Champion, violin maker, 1730-1760, had considerable reputation in violin making world, but would hardly be classed as a famous maker. The label send is worded correctly. If your violin is genuine, and a fine specimen of his, it ought to be worth the sum you paid.

## I. H. S.

J. H.—The cross and letters I. H. the label in your Guarnerius violin for "Jesus, Saviour of Men."

## Giofredo Cappa.

E. R. H.—Glofredo Cappa, Cremona (1590-1640), was an Italian violin maker, considerable note and made some excellent instruments. He was a pupil of Antonio Hieronymo Amati, and successfully his teachers' violins as regards form, finish and tone. It is said that some violins have been sold as genuine A. His labels read as follows: "Ioofredvs Pccit, Salvts Anno ---."

## Phonograph and Violin Tone.

W. D. A.—The exact tone of the violin has never yet been reproduced by means of the phonograph type, although phonographs of the best type make a clever imitation of it.

## Amati Label.

H. J.—The translation of the label in friend's violin is "Nicolas Amati made violin at Cremona (a town in Italy 1671)." However, there is hardly more one chance in a hundred thousand that the violin is a genuine Amati, as there are a immense number of imitations.

## Stainer Label.

F. D.—The label in your violin means it was made by "Jacobus Stainer, at Innsbruck, in 1736," that is, violin is a real Stainer. There are thousands of imitations.

## Cleaning Hair of Bow.

C. E. D.—An Irish friend of mine says that the best way to clean a bow is to get it dirty. However, if your bow needs cleaning, you can do it with a brush, using soap and luke-warm water the hair gently with a lather of soap, clean, then rinse with clean water. It is thoroughly dry, rub the hair first powdered rosin, and then on the cat rosin, and it will be ready for use.

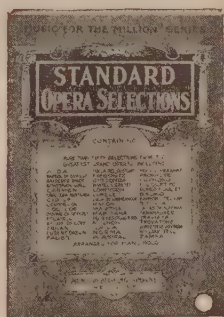
## Unknown Maker.

J. E. W.—I cannot trace the violin label of which you sent. The label either the name of the maker or a word as a trade-mark. Both are unknown, however.

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# Interesting the Boy in Music

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of the studio teacher's great prob-  
s holding the average boy. The young  
starts with little sister; and he does  
all if not better until his association  
other boys calls forth the title "sissy"  
"musical Johnnie" as he goes forth  
music roll. Right then his interest  
he quits practicing, is late for his  
s, plays truant at lesson time, and  
persuades the fond parent that he  
ch better off selling papers, deliver-  
rnels or otherwise learning to make

and that by interesting the young boy  
character building of great musi-  
in the financial side of music, in its  
influence on nationality, he has at  
an answer to his friends' taunts. I  
class lessons once each week and  
divided the boys from the girls.  
fall there were three boys between  
and fourteen; this spring there were  
and each said he would be back in  
all. Four begged to continue the  
during the summer and several pa-  
have asked for a place for their  
in my class next fall. I teach violin  
piano, and intend to keep my boys by  
ing what they term "Manly Music."  
boys' class lesson comes on Wednes-  
fternoon; for boys like Saturdays  
ork or play. They have note-books,  
fter we spend a few minutes on  
most of our time is devoted to  
from a national viewpoint. The  
ing outline was suggested by Miss  
M. Rhett, of Horner Institute of

Fine Arts, Kansas City, as classroom  
work in Music Appreciation in the Pub-  
lic Schools; but it serves my purpose  
most admirably. Be sure to have your  
reference books, encyclopedias and maps  
on hand, so the boy will know it is as  
important as his other subjects, and more  
so because of its association with all  
things.

We first studied Italy. We not only  
sang the songs but also learned some of  
the instrumental numbers and listened to  
all on the Victrola.

1. *Geographical location*—almost sur-  
rounded with water and nearly filled with  
the same.

"Santa Lucia"

2. *Climate*—Its extreme cold; but over  
most of Italy extreme heat and glaring  
sunshine—"The land of sunshine and  
song."

"O Sole Mio"

3. *Social Customs and Superstitions*—  
There is a wealth of folklore and legends  
to be found under this title; and the boys  
are especially interested in the customs of  
the people in Venice, about Vesuvius, Mt.  
Aetna, and other locations. The legend  
of the angry god of Vesuvius and the  
sacrifice to appease his wrath brought out  
the origin and use of the—

"Tarentella"

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ters' relationship, the three master violins,  
its development—the viola, 'cello and  
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Great violinists of the present and past  
from Italy.

7. *Religion*—Roman Catholic. Discuss  
the St. Peter's Cathedral, Sistine chapel,  
choir, the great artists, and sculptors  
whose work made these so famous for  
their beauty, and other interesting facts.  
Discuss early music. A clever teacher  
can make this of untold value to the boy.  
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Introduction .....Borowski

THEM  
All Glory, Laud and Honor .....Williams

Blessed is He Who Cometh .....Gounod

ERTORY  
ing Wide the Gates (High or  
Low) .....Shelley

ORGAN  
March in A .....Ravina

## DAY EVENING, APRIL 5th

ORGAN  
chorus of Angels .....Scotson Clark

THEM  
Ride on in Majesty .....Baines

Hail, Thou Once Despised  
Jesus .....Brackett

ERTORY  
efore the Cross (Duet, S. and A.)  
Jones

ORGAN  
ero's March .....Mendelssohn

## DAY MORNING, APRIL 12th

ORGAN  
Festival Prelude .....Buck

THEM  
No! The Winter is Past .....Orem

ERTORY  
Christ is Risen, Indeed .....Hanna

ORGAN  
See the Place (High) .....Ambrose

ORGAN  
allelujah Chorus .....Handel-Gaul

## DAY EVENING, APRIL 12th

ORGAN  
aster Postlude .....Hosmer

THEM  
Rejoice and be Glad .....Berwald

ERTORY  
To-day the Lord is Risen .....Kountz

ORGAN  
Dawn (Duet, S. and A.)  
Schoebel

ORGAN  
can Triumphant .....Lacey

## SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 19th

ORGAN  
Morning Prelude .....Cummings

ANTHEM  
a. Invocation .....Ashford

b. Truly God is Good to Israel  
Berridge

OFFERTORY  
Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus  
(High) .....Wolcott

ORGAN  
Festival March .....Nessler

## SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 19th

ORGAN  
Night Song .....Schuler

ANTHEM  
a. O Light! O Love! O Spirit!  
Pinsuti

b. Softly As Falls the Twilight  
O'Neill

OFFERTORY  
I Trust in Thee (Low) .....Dressler

ORGAN  
Epilog .....Gillette

## SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 26th

ORGAN  
Voice of the Chimes .....Luigini

ANTHEM  
a. Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies'  
Sake .....Roberts

b. O Love the Lord .....Nevin

OFFERTORY  
Rock of Ages (Duet, S. and T.)  
Solly

ORGAN  
March from "Naaman" .....Costa

## SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 26th

ORGAN  
Souvenir Joyeux .....Diggle

ANTHEM  
a. Holy Spirit, Truth Divine .....Nevin

b. Saviour, Breathe an Evening  
Blessing .....Nevin

OFFERTORY  
God's Roses Will Bloom (High) .....Bird

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paper sold in little reels.

3. A pretty portfolio can easily be made  
from some cardboard and a piece of prett-  
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fashion is the natural delight of youth. To  
stand up for proved excellence is that of

4. If a title-page is missing, a cover can  
be made of a piece of brown paper to keep  
it neat, with a label giving contents.

5. When a new vocal score is purchased,  
a piece of linen should be firmly glued up  
the spine; this will save it from speedy  
dilapidation.

6. Small items, like anthems, do best  
stitched with thread into a little brown  
paper cover.

7. Corners to be "turned over" may be  
strengthened with a little triangle of paper  
pasted over them.

8. Quartet and other parts should always  
be tied together with tape when not in use.  
What is more annoying than to find one  
missing? It is best to number these  
prominently.

the experienced. And, happily, in the  
world of art both, however opposed, may  
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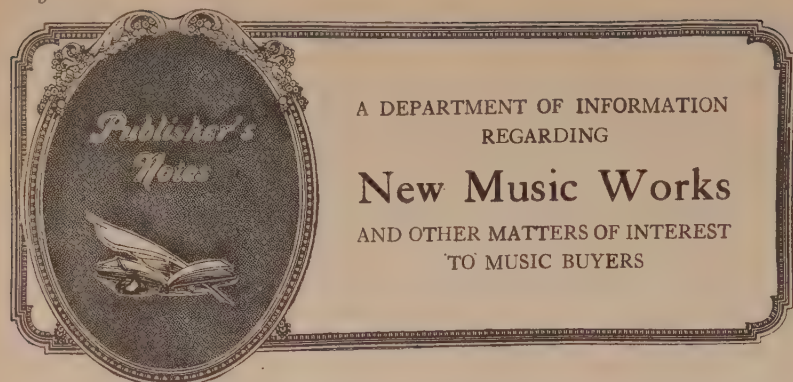
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### Choosing the Easter Music Program

Easter Sunday, of all the festive occasions throughout the Church year, is most generally celebrated with an elaborate musical program. Every choir of any pretensions whatsoever, aims to have some bright, new music to present on this joyous day. Choirmasters exercise great care in selecting appropriate numbers, and we feel certain that a few interesting suggestions at this time will not be amiss.

Many choirs make the presentation of a cantata the feature of the Easter services, and we are more than pleased to announce that we have for this year's program a new choral cantata by R. S. Morrison, entitled, "King of Glory." This is an excellent work for volunteer choirs. Other cantatas of special merit are *Alleluia* by R. M. Stults; *Down of the Kingdom*, by J. Truman Wolcott; *Victory Divine*, by J. Christopher Marks; *The Wondrous Cross*, by Irene Berge, and *The Greatest Love*, by H. W. Petrie. A very useful cantata for choirs where men's voices are lacking, or, at best uncertain, is *The Dawn*, by William Baines, a cantata for two-part chorus of treble voices.

We publish many excellent anthems for Easter, some of the more recent being *Christ is Risen Indeed*, by J. Marvin Hanna; *As It Began to Dawn*, by Charles Vincent; *Christ, Our Passover*, by R. M. Stults; *Lo, the Winter is Past*, by P. W. Orem; *Today the Lord is Risen*, by R. Kountz; *Sing With All the Sons of Glory*, by R. M. Stults, and *Rejoice and be Glad*, by W. Berwald.

Two very effective Easter solos by Paul Ambrose, *He is Risen and Come See the Place Where Jesus Lay*, will prove interesting to the soloists. Both are for medium voice. *Lord of Life and Glory*, by F. A. Clarke is a number that will please sopranos and tenors; while *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*, by L. C. Chaffin is appropriate for altos and basses.

Soloists seeking a number for Palm Sunday will be glad to know that the well-known composer, Harry Rowe Shelley,

has composed a new song for that occasion, *Fling Wide the Gates*. It is published in two keys, the higher with a range from E to a, the lower from b to E.

The following pipe-organ numbers may be used in connection with the Easter program: *Church Festival March*, by R. M. Stults; *Altar Flowers*, by Frederic Lacey, and *Marcia Pomposo*, by R. M. Stults.

A copy of any of the numbers mentioned, as well as any in our comprehensive catalog, will be sent to choirmasters for examination on our usual liberal "on sale" terms. Write to-day stating your particular needs, the size and capabilities of your choir, and have our experienced clerks make up and send a selection of suitable material. You will be more than pleased, we assure you.

### Victrola Department

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### Operettas and Cantatas For Spring Performances

In anticipation of the usual call for help in the matter of finding a suitable and effective operetta or secular cantata suitable for spring or graduation performances, we have assembled the largest and most varied assortment we have ever had of such works. Returnable copies of six different operettas or cantatas may be had on request. Such an assortment will furnish ample choice as regards style and difficulty, and as most works of this character are designed for moderately-trained performers it will be an easy matter to hit upon one or more that may be produced with credit to the participants as well as to the musical director. During the past two years we have added several works of this kind to our own catalog and we always carry a liberal supply of those issued by other publishers. It is just the time to start the work of preparing for any special spring musical undertaking of this nature. These returnable samples will be sent promptly to any one directly interested.

### Peer Gynt Suite, No. 1 For Piano—Four Hands By E. Grieg

Grieg's *Peer Gynt* music may be played for enjoyment as pure music or it may be used in conjunction with a reading of Ibsen's play. The four-hand transcription is especially good to use since in this there is more than a suggestion of the orchestral coloring. The four-hand arrangement, moreover, is particularly well balanced, requiring players of about equal attainments. Our new edition is nearly ready.

The special introductory price in advance of publication is 30 cents per copy, postpaid.

### The Etude Cover Prize Contest

THE ETUDE is pleased to announce the award of the \$250.00 prize for the best cover design submitted in the Contest that closed December first, 1924. Mr. John Whitcomb, of Delaware, Ohio, is the fortunate winner of the first prize. The prize design will be utilized on the March, 1925, cover. There were some 300 designs submitted and it was not an easy task for the judges to decide which cover was best suited for the needs of THE ETUDE and at the same time embody those characteristics of workmanship, color, freshness and a design of general attractiveness to warrant its selection above all the others. There were some submittals in which it was quite apparent that those executing them lacked artistic training along technical lines. Nevertheless these are deserving of commendation for the efforts and thoughts behind them.

Distinctive honorable mention is due those whose designs survived all eliminations until the final group from which the winner was selected.

#### DISTINCTIVE HONORABLE MENTION

Grace Evans, Philadelphia, Pa.; Virginia Heist, Glenside, Pa.; G. Francis Kauffman, Chicago, Illinois; Helmut Kroening, St. Paul, Minn.; J. Whitcomb, Delaware, Ohio.

Honorable mention is due a number of other designs submitted and these are given below in alphabetical order.

#### HONORABLE MENTION

Helen M. Bennett, New York City, N. Y.; Rose Cezer, East Orange, N. J.; Sister M. Gervina, St. Angela Academy, Carroll, Iowa; Bessie P. Heller, Philadelphia, Pa.; August Holmberg, Thief River Falls, Minn.; Carl J. Jordan, Denver, Colo.; Frances Kratz, Philadelphia, Pa.; Vesta Markley, Cheltenham, Pa.; Roberta E. Megowen, Alton, Ill.; Freda Miller, Rochester, N. Y.; Edwin D. Myers, Kirksville, Mo.; Lutie Hume Pierce, Boonville, N. Y.; Hugh Ross, Spokane, Wash.; George F. Runge, Merrill, Wis.; Alice Pauling Schafer, Albany, N. Y.; W. B. Willis, New York, N. Y.; Chester A. Young, St. Joseph, Mo.

### Preparatory Trill Studies For the Violin

#### By O. Sevcik, Op. 7, Part One

The violin world owes much to Otakar Sevcik. He has classified and systematized the technic of the instrument to the highest degree. The practice of the trill should be included in the daily routine of all violinists. Not only for the mastery of the trill itself, but also for acquiring exactitude of finger action. For this purpose, the *Trill Studies* of Sevcik have become indispensable. *Part One*, the most important book, is all in the First Position. This book is now in preparation to be added to the *Presser Collection*. The new edition will be under the supervision of Mr. Otto Meyer, who has been in intimate association with Sevcik and his work.

The special introductory price in advance of publication is 50 cents per copy, postpaid.

### Light—Cantata for Treble Voices By Richard Kountz

Before this month is out, we will be making delivery on all advance publication orders for his cantata, which might be termed of a festival character, since it is of a type for May festivals, etc. There is a two-piano accompaniment that gives an unusual and very satisfying background to the singing. The choruses are written for three-part singing in the main, but occasionally other combinations are made with good effect. The text is a story of the origin of Light, a subject relating to Nature throughout. This work is not easy or trifling and it is destined to become the prize effort of numerous school and college choruses. It is worthy of the rehearsal required, since it is extremely appealing. The actual rendition time is about 25 minutes. Many will be interested in knowing that an orchestration of this work may be rented if desired.

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### John M. Williams' Normal Class

Recognized nation-wide as an authority on matters pertaining to musical education, Mr. John M. Williams has been having remarkable success with series of normal classes conducted in the past year in such cities as Chicago, New York, Seattle, San Francisco, San 1 Los Angeles, Salt Lake City and elsewhere. Teachers taking up the course, as in the John M. Williams' Fundamentals Training Normal Classes, find their special knowledge increases and their ability to impart their musical knowledge to a high degree, thus furnishing equipment, making possible the increase of their income. The system is due to the training in piano teaching allied theoretical subjects. All along Williams' itinerary, enrollment succeeded the limited number that was taken in each class. We are bringing Williams' normal classes to attention this time in order that those wishing to enroll for the Philadelphia class the first two weeks in March, 1925, will overlook making arrangements early.

A booklet describing the course is gladly sent any interested teacher or prospective teachers.

### King of Glory Choral Cantata for Easter By R. S. Morrison

This Easter cantata will not be of Advance of Publication list next time as we will have it on the market this time for those desiring to secure titles for Easter use. We have no as to the success of this cantata, it is of the type that the average choir sing effectively. It is melodious yet proper character for sacred work. The solos for all voices are not difficult. The solos may be done in any desired with perhaps the exception of a soprano solo, which is a requirement should not stop any choir organ presenting this cantata. It is even an Easter cantata, holding to an exaltation of that resurrection morning. The first four pages to the King of Glory as a prologue to the cantata, after the resurrection story is taken up. Easter service will be greatly enhanced by the musical contribution found in King of Glory and the entire cantata be rendered in forty minutes.

One copy only may be ordered in special advance of publication price 30 cents, postpaid.

### Little Folks' Music Story Book By James Francis Cooke

The final steps in the preparation of a book have been a real pleasure. We have frequently indicated, this elementary book will have the picture separate sheets to be cut out and in the book by the child. Some pictures are well known ones that a child should know, but a great many are entirely fresh and new, pictures no one has ever seen, because they have been made especially for this work. The book will be out very shortly. We want to take advantage of the special introductory price of 50 cents we should be glad, upon the receipt of the money, enter your name now, so you may enter as soon as the book is published.

### New Anthem Book

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# h—Sacred Cantata Women's Voices Paul Bliss

Bliss needs no introduction, as his writings, especially in this field, are consistently attractive and worth. We feel it is a privilege to be able to our patrons at a low advance of publication price this new sacred cantata women's voices by Mr. Bliss. The of Naomi and Ruth as presented in cantata required about 35 minutes, hearers will find in the story new when contemplating it to this active musical setting. Although the es are written for four-part n's voices, it is possible to do it in parts by the omission of the second part, making it a cantata for first econd sopranos and altos. The solos his work are for sopranos, mezzos, and alto voices. Choirmasters g music for special occasions often anticped because of their inability ure suitable male voices, but seldom ey limited as to the number of n's voices, at their command; there- this cantata is bound to prove inval- to the repertoire of many a choir or. It is also a safe prediction to say music supervisors and other choral ors of girls or women's classes and izations will utilize this cantata to as an extent as choirmasters. Single copy only may be ordered at ecial advance of publication post- ash price of 25 cents.

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# How to Succeed In Singing By A. Buzzi-Peccia

If the purchaser of this book is success- ful in carrying out just a few of the ideas Senor Buzzi-Peccia gives, he will find him- self well repaid. It is very rarely that a man with the artistic skill and the breadth of musicianly scholarship has the pro- nounced business insight that is indicated in all the work of Senor Buzzi-Peccia. He has helped a number of prominent singers to real success and in this book he tells many of the means that he has employed. The work is very readable and very enjoy- able. The advance of publication price is 60 cents, postpaid.

# Musical Moments for The Pianoforte By Mrs. H. B. Hudson

This is a very attractive collection of first or second grade recreation pieces designed to accompany or to supplement any instruction book or method. The pieces are printed in a special large nota- tion so as to render them easily read and less trying to the eyes of young students. Mrs. Hudson is well known as a successful teacher and writer of teaching material. This book contains a number of her original compositions, as well as some arrangements and adaptations from other works. Although most of the pieces are for piano solo, a few are for four and for six hands. All of the pieces are very tuneful.

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# Dawn of Spring Cantata for Treble Voices By Richard Kountz

Here is a new cantata, which may be done entirely in unison or two part sing- ing. A cantata of this character is usable either in grade schools or girls' high schools, preparatory schools or colleges. It is about the right length for an offering in a special school program, such as, for instance, the commencement exercises. It can be done comfortably within 25 min- utes. Mr. Kountz has not missed any opportunities in the handling of so de- lightful a subject as a day in Spring, and the melodies and harmonies make an attractive vehicle for the nature pictures presented in the text. This work will be ready shortly and school supervisors wish- ing something for spring festivities should place an advance of publication cash order for this work, thus securing a copy at 30 cents, postpaid.

# The Music Scrap Book By N. Louise Wright

The title, *Music Scrap Book*, should not prove misleading. This is not a compila- tion, but an original work. It is designed for the use of very young students; although it is not exactly a kindergarten book it is the next thing to it. It paves the way for any instruction book or method by imparting in a most pleasing manner the elements of notation and the beginning of key-board work. It is especially adapted for work with the youngest students. This book is now on the press.

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# Day Before Yesterday Operetta for Children By Cynthia Dodge

Those who are familiar with Miss Dodge's other successful operettas for children, recently published by us (*The Rainbow's End* and *Let's Go Traveling*) need but little more to recommend this operetta to them, than that this operetta is by the same writer. Miss Dodge has the happy faculty of giving the children something a little out of the ordinary to handle and her musical settings are always tuneful and attractive, being easily learned by the young participants. In the "*Day Before Yesterday*," interesting characters of days and even centuries gone by step into the scene. The staging, costuming and even the little dances that may be worked

in, all combine to make a delightful offer- ing for a children's program. The play takes a little over a half hour to present. Those who at any time have anything to do with the staging of children's perfor- mances should know "*Day Before Yester- day*" and, in advance of publication, we will accept an order for one copy only at the special price of 40 cents, postpaid.

# Elementary Piano Pedagogy By C. V. Macklin

How to teach so that the teaching will rank with the best work that is done in accordance with the most modern ideas of musical pedagogy is a problem which con- fronts many, many students. We believe we have in the new work of Mr. Macklin a very simple, practical, helpful text-book upon the elements of teaching that any young person desiring to enter the pro- fession may read with unquestioned profit. There are just a very few essential com- prehensive principles that every teacher should know. Without an understanding of these principles the young teacher may make many serious blunders. Mr. Macklin has stated his facts in clear, comprehen- sive, sequential order. The book does not require a special teacher. The advance of publication price is 75 cents, postpaid.

# Eleven Indian Love Songs For Three-Part Chorus Of Women's Voices By Thurlow Lieurance

This book is now ready but the special introductory offer will be continued dur- ing the current month. In this collection Mr. Lieurance has incorporated some of his greatest successes, together with some new things all arranged most effectively for three-part chorus of women's voices. All of these numbers, either singly or in groups, will make most effective program numbers. They are not difficult to sing, yet at the same time they are capable of the most artistic renditions. Some of the numbers are given with the original Indian texts. The piano accompaniment is effective throughout, affording good sup- port to the voices.

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# Album of Transcriptions For the Pipe Organ By Orlando A. Mansfield

Although there is much good music written especially for the pipe organ, nevertheless, many organists are accus- tomed to use a goodly number of tran- scriptions from other works. There are many piano pieces and violin pieces that sound particularly well when played on modern pipe organs. Dr. Orlando A. Mansfield has selected from our catalog a number of suitable pieces and has made very effective transcriptions of them. These are chiefly of intermediate difficulty and in contrasting styles, they will prove suitable for teaching purposes, for recital use, for church and for picture playing. Every number is already a proven success. This is a most desirable volume.

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Prior to publication we are booking orders for the "*New Orchestra Collection*" at a cash price of 15 cents for each orchestral part and 30 cents for the piano part, postpaid.

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# World of Music

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The Apollo Musical Club, of Chicago, the oldest musical organization of the "Windy City" (founded in 1871) and one of the oldest west of the Alleghenies, during the coming spring will make a tour of the leading west- ern and southwestern cities. The chorus will approximate two hundred voices, with Harri- son M. Wild as director. They will carry their own soloists—soprano, alto, tenor, baritone and bass as well as an accompanist; and the entire personnel will be from Chicago. In fifty years the organization has had but two Directors, Mr. Wild and Mr. William L. Tom- lins, each having served twenty-five years. This will be the first time so large an organi- zation of this nature has undertaken a tour so extended.

A Prize of One Hundred Dollars is offered by the People's Choral Union of Bos- ton, for the best Part-Song for Mixed Voices, with Piano Accompaniment. Particulars from Mrs. William Arms Fisher, 362 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts.

Edward Poldini's "*Faschingshochzeit (Carnival Wedding)*," a new comic opera, has met with such extraordinary success in Budapest that it has been predicted to be another of the world winners which have come from Vienna.

The Manuscript of Schubert's *Geisterstunde* brought 2,000 marks, the manu- script of his *Einsamkeit* brought 5,400 marks, letters of the youthful Mozart to his father brought 1,300 marks each, and a letter from Beethoven to the Messrs. Breitkopf & Hartei was sold for 2,400 marks, at a recent auction sale in Berlin.

Arturo Toscanini, so well remembered for his superb work as conductor for eight years of the Metropolitan Opera Company, and since leaving there in 1915 the artistic director of La Scala of Milan, is announced to conduct a series of concerts of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra early in 1926.

Cyril Scott's "*Der Alchemist*," a new opera, is to have its first public interpreta- tion at the Municipal Opera House of Essen.

Elvira de Hidalgo claims to have sung the rôle of *Rosina* in the "*Barber of Seville*" two thousand times.

In *Honour to Puccini*, the Italian Opera at The Hague has given a series of three representations of "*Madame Butterfly*," "*La Tosca*," and "*La Vie de Bohème*."

The Largest Boy Scout Band of the world hails from Springfield, Missouri. It has a membership of two hundred and eighty-five, from which a concert band of one hun- dred to one hundred and fifty members is sustained. This Concert Band will in June make a tour of the principal cities east of the Rocky Mountains.

The One Hundred and Fiftieth Anni- versary of the birth of Gaspare Spontini was recently celebrated at Berlin, by cere- monies in the new hall of the University, with the Italian Ambassador as principal orator.

The Ladbroke Banjo Orchestra, of London, England, is probably unique as an organization. The band is composed of forty players, each of whom uses some form of large or small banjo. Its concerts have been enthusiastically received.

Frieda Hempel, who has been intro- ducing her Jenny Lind costumed program as the last half of her recitals in London, recently entertained an afternoon party of thirty people who had heard the immortal "*Swedish Nightingale*."

The Royal Philharmonic Society, of London, opened its one hundred and thir- teenth season with a concert at Queen's Hall on November 20, under the baton of Furt- wängler.

The League of Modern Composers gave its first public program at the Klau Theatre, New York, on the evening of Novem- ber 30, when the fare was characteristically ultra-modern.

The Mu Phi Epsilon Sorority held its eighteenth annual convention at Christmas Lake, Minnesota, June 24-27. Membership is now based on musicianship and definite uni- form standards of musical requirements, with the aim of advancing the musical interests of America. Further information as to mem- bership and the formation of chapters of the organization may be had from Lucille Eilers, 3426 Morrison Place, Clifton, Cincinnati, Ohio.

# New Magazine Catalog For 1925

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### Album of Arpeggios For the Pianoforte

The idea of separate volumes devoted to special important branches of technic in the intermediate grades, has proved very popular. We have already published in this series the *Album of Trills* and the *Album of Scales*. Now comes the *Album of Arpeggios*. The arpeggio in modern technic plays a most important part. In this new album we have included some particularly attractive arpeggios as well as some pieces in which arpeggios are used very largely. In spite of the fact that the numbers are all directed toward one department of technic, there is much variety in the book. This is due to the manner in which the arpeggios themselves are employed and to changes of key and of harmonies. The study of this book will prove pleasurable as well as profitable.

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### Jolly Jingles For Little Fingers By Helen L. Cramm

This is another one of those good little books for young people. The children of today probably fail to realize what good luck they are enjoying in having placed before them such a wealth and variety of attractive teaching material. Miss Helen L. Cramm has been a most successful contributor of material of this type. Her books for young players are all successful. This new one should prove equally so. It contains some bright and up-to-date first grade pieces.

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### Pieces for the Development Of Technic By N. Louise Wright

In this little book of studies, chiefly in the second grade, various departments of technic are treated, either hand being brought into play. One study, for instance, will exemplify arpeggios for the right hand, the left hand playing the accompaniment. In the next study, the left hand will take the arpeggios while the right hand accompanies. The book goes on in this manner through scales, double-notes, etc. The studies are tuneful and lie well under the hands.

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### Schubert Album For the Pianoforte

Our new *Schubert Album for the Pianoforte* will prove entirely different from other Schubert compilations. In addition to some of the most popular original pieces and movements from the works of this master, it will contain also some transcriptions of Schubert's most famous songs and also transcriptions from some of the orchestral numbers. The vein of pure and spontaneous melody running through all the works of Schubert will be most amply exemplified in this volume. The pieces are chiefly of intermediate difficulty.

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### Album of Song Transcriptions and Variations For the Pianoforte

The piano is a universal instrument and it has many duties to perform. Music written for piano solo is only a part of its literature. It is used frequently to make known and to spread the popularity of works written for voices or for other instruments or for combinations of voices and other instruments. Many beautiful melodies are propagated in this manner, and some of the best composers have employed their talents in these piano transcriptions. In our new volume we have given attention especially to song transcriptions as these are possibly the most desirable of all. Both sacred and secular songs have been transcribed, some with variations and others less elaborately. All of the pieces are of intermediate difficulty.

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### Capriccio Brillante For the Pianoforte By F. Mendelssohn

In these days when one's ears are assaulted on the one hand by the din of ultra-modern harmonies and by "Jazz" on the other hand, one turns instinctively for relief and refreshment to earlier and more genial works. Mendelssohn, who some years ago was thought by the critics to be out of fashion, has come back again into his own. We find his concertos being played by the great artists and his *Songs Without Words* appearing upon many programs. The *Capriccio Brillante* is one of the best of all exhibition pieces for school or conservatory use. It is not so difficult that one has to struggle with it and its tunefulness is invariably appealing. Our new edition of this standard work has been very carefully prepared. The second piano part is in score.

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### Advance of Publication Offer Withdrawn

The following work has been published during the past month and is now withdrawn from the advance of publication offers.

*Reflections for Music Students*, by Sidney Silber.

A book of pithy paragraphs upon piano-playing and music study by a celebrated Chicago teacher-pianist. It contains a world of sensible and helpful advice to ambitious students and teachers, and should find a place in every music library.

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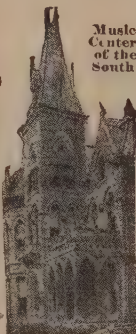
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## Musical Terms, No. 14

list takes us nearly to the end of alphabet. How many of them can you remember?

**Andante**—getting faster and more d.

**Ad libitum**—suddenly.

**Allegretto**—a large composition, generally in sonata form, for full orchestra.

**Accento**—the shifting of an accent from strong to a weak beat.

**Allegretto**—a faster tempo.

**Allegretto**—the rate of speed at which a piece is to be performed.

**Allegretto**—held to the notes' full value or

**Allegretto**—the leading motif, on which the rest of the composition is based.

**Allegretto**—calmly.

## Foreign Contest

As before, you remember, the JUNIOR ETUDE had a contest for readers who live in the United States of America. Readers cannot enter the regular contests, as the closing dates before they have time to receive ETUDES and return their answers. Unfortunately, the time limit of the last contest was too short, also, so many contributions were received on time. Now, however, the time limit will be long enough for every one to enter. The directions carefully and be the six to win prizes, for the prize will be given just as in the regular contest—three for essays and three for answers.

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Both the story and puzzle contest are the nearest and best will be the prize

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Once was a person who sang  
in a nasal and unpleasant twang.  
Though she thought she sang well  
in a regular yell;  
Her voice the whole countryside rang.

## Say It With Music

By Aletha M. Bonner

GRACE NOTE was just beginning music. "Dear me," she sighed one morning at her lesson, "I am afraid I will never learn the musical signs."

"Don't worry," encouraged her teacher, Professor F. Cleffe; "but come back this afternoon and let us go on a musical sight-seeing-tour—just like a little walk about town, with note-book and pencil, to take down some interesting things."

When they started out later, Professor Cleffe explained: "Now, Grace, as we go along I want you to keep your ears and eyes wide open; and everything that you hear or see reminding you of a musical sign must be written down."

"Oh, I understand! Why, there are musical signs everywhere!" she added excitedly, as her eyes caught sight of a card on a hardware store door reading: **SCALES FOR SALE**.

As they continued their way Grace was kept busy. In one window a card advised the public to use Blank's spectacles and see sharp. Passing a Drug Store, the Pharmacist was telling a customer to "Repeat the dose if necessary." At the Bank she heard: "I must get this note renewed." In asking directions of a policeman, he replied: "Take the first turn to the right." Two women were talking on a street corner. Snatches of their conversation overheard were: "Be your natural self. . . . our meeting was accidental."

Professor Cleffe finally said "Wouldn't you like to pause somewhere and rest? Suppose we go to the movies and. . ."

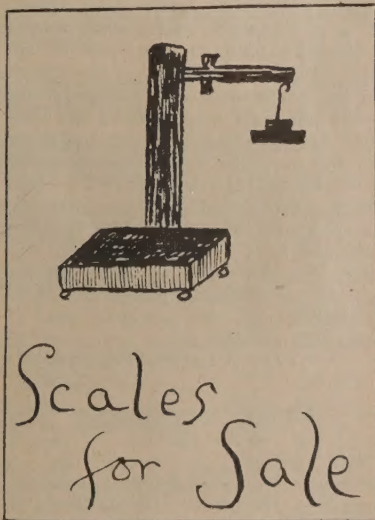
"Why, you're talking signs too," Grace broke in; "but I am a little tired," she admitted, "and here is a theatre. The picture is 'LETTING DOWN THE BARS.'" Then they both had to laugh, while Grace declared that even the moving pictures couldn't get along without musical signs.

Just then, an usher brought out the word that all available space was taken, and Grace announced that to make "a space" she would need some lines, so perhaps it would be best to go home, where she could rule off nice straight ones.

"But, Professor," she added, "I do want to thank you for showing me all these things. Hereafter, musical signs will not be a bit hard, for I can hear and see them everywhere. I have had a perfectly lovely time," she continued.

Then she stopped, as Professor Cleffe, with a twinkle in his eye, asked if it was "4/4" or "6/8"!

"Well, it was quite un-common," she replied, as they parted.



This sounded puzzling, but they had hardly walked a block before they came to a large sign: **FLATS TO RENT**. The Professor smiled and Grace laughingly exclaimed as she made the flat signature,

## Mendelssohn, A Musical Poet

By B. B. N.

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M. W., Jr. (Nevada).

**Answer.** The JUNIOR ETUDE does not know just how to make these horns, although they have been made with good results. If any readers know the method, we would be glad to have them write and tell us.

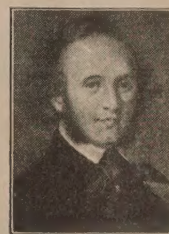
DEAR JUNIOR ETUDE:

How do you pronounce Chaminade, and Paderewski? A. E. (Minn.)

**Answer.** Shām-i-nād, accent on last syllable. Pād-ref-sky, accent on middle syllable.

## Musical Acrostic

By Laura R. Smith



M—Mendelssohn was an artist as well as a musician.

E—Everything he composed he copied with great care.

N—Now and then he wrote interesting letters to friends.

D—Doubtless his sister composed some of the "Songs Without Words," but women did not appear in print in those days.

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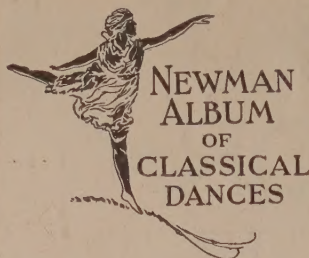
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Subject for story or essay this month: "Chorus singing." Must contain not over one hundred and fifty words. Any boy or girl under fifteen years of age may compete, whether a subscriber or not.

All contributions must be received at the JUNIOR ETUDE Office, 1712 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., before February 20, 1925. Names of prize winners and their contributions will be published in the May issue.

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Competitors who do not comply with all of the above conditions will not be considered.

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DOLLY ANDERSON (Age 14),  
Washington

### MUSIC IN AMERICA (Prize winner)

Miss America, I do not think that you are making the most of your musical opportunities. Without a doubt, most of you say that you like music; and yet when you go to musical entertainments you listen with deaf ears. This is the time of America's greatest musical opportunity. Are you making the most of it? The majority of people in America are supplied with a little money to spend on their own pleasure; so why not let music in some phase be one of your pleasures? Do not be dormant. The world is full of beauty and music, so awake and enjoy it. Music almost has the power of making heaven descend to earth. Stimulate your interest by reading musical magazines and attending musical concerts and entertainments. So again I say, "Wake up, Miss America, to the music and beauty that surrounds you."

ANNA KROYER (Age 15),  
Wisconsin

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Many people in America regard music merely as a source of amusement and entertainment. This, however, is a false idea, for music in this country is serving a wider and more important purpose—that

of taking an active part in the education of the American youth. It is true it is a source of amusement; and a very recent invention, the radio, has made this in a larger sense; but men of authority all over the country express themselves as believing that an education is not complete without its musical training. This and every other respect music is advancing. People are taking a deep interest in it and it is producing a most desired effect.

WALLACE NETHERY (Age 13),  
Low

### Honorable Mention for Essays

Sarah Silverstein, Charlotte Silver, Bastian, Mildred Summers, Louise, Richard M. Hawkins, Helen Schilling, Richard Sartorius, Pauline Wall, Ernestine B. Mary A. Crouser, Rhoda Freiman, J. Bush, Dorothea Evert, Olive E. Mac Marjorie Mather, Faye Chandler, Doris E. Edmund-Lukaszewski, Jack F. Abele, Margaret Monroe, Alice Hagan, Victoria Hargreaves, Dorothy Murley, Janier DeBaun, Ann Moodie, Nellie Tang, Isobel Rogers, Imo Cummings.

### Honorable Mention for Puzzles in November

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N. B.—There was a slight mistake in November puzzle which the JUNIOR ETUDE did not notice before printing it. The composer in the puzzle was, of course, but the puzzle made it spell "Lizst." It is sometimes spelled Hayden.

### Puzzle Corner Puzzle

Margaret Stewart (Age 12),  
winner in puzzle contest.

Rearrange the letters in each line so they spell the name of a composer. This is done, the first letter of the poser's names, without changing the will spell a musical term. (Answer include composer's names as well as a special term.)

1. F-N-A-H-F-E-O-B-C.
2. T-E-O-N-E-B-H-E-V.
3. A-H-C-B.
4. L-B-E-H-Y-A-C.
5. I-Y-N-K-S-Y-L.
6. T-S-A-K-G-C-O-T-L-H.
7. A-Y-R-K-N-E-S.
8. Y-S-O-I-H-S-T-K-W-K-A-C.
9. A-H-F-E-B-N-F-O-C.

### Answer to Hidden Composer Puzzle in November

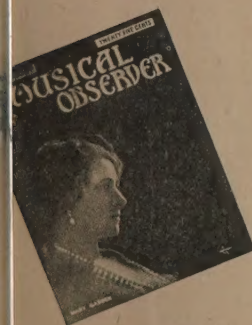
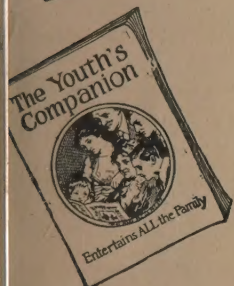
1, Haydn; 2, Bellini; 3, Rossini; Weber; 5, Cherubini; 6, Handel; Flotow; 8, Beethoven; 9, Wagner; Chopin; 11, Gluck; 12, Liszt.

**Prize Winners**—Ralph Hallenbeck (Age 11), N. Y.; Florrie Lee Erb (Age 11), Georgia; Christine de Guichard (Age 11), Mass.

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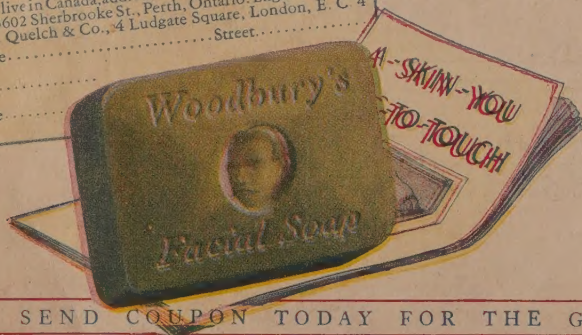
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